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Ir Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, said esterday that the Russians were still hopeful of esterday that the Russians were still hopeful of strategic arms agreement with the United States espite the failure of this week's Moscow talks ith Mr Vance, the American Secretary of State. ut he accused the Americans of " a cheap trick " Spreak 1 one of their proposals.

Russians still hope for arms pact with US

From Our Correspondent doscow, March 31

Optimism on prospects for in eventual strategic arms agreement between Russia and the United States was voiced proday by Mr Andrei Gromyko, with Soviet Foreign Minister, despite the rejection yesterday of America's latest proposals.

His statement came one day after the tough stand by Mr Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviet party leader, who flatly rejected the ideas put forward by Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, and only hours after Mr Vance left Moscow for Bonn and London to report on the negative out-

At his first Moscow press conference in 17 years—the last one was in 1960 after the conone was in 1950 after the conviction of Mr Gary Powers, the American U2 spy pilot—Mr Gromyko said the Soviet leaders still had plenty of patience and were prepared for negotiations whenever they converted likely to succeed.

seemed likely to succeed. Asked for his reaction to President Carter's statement that in the event of failure he would advocate pressing shead with development of new weapons, the Soviet Foreign Minister said that Mr Carter would be doing that on his own responsibility, whereas the Soviet Union would make every effort to reach agreement.

He justified his refusal even
to discuss Mr Vance's proposals

on the grounds that they vio-lated both the letter and spirit of the 1974 Vladivostok agreement by seeking to exclude the American Cruise missile from the projected reduced ceilings. At the same time, he denied that the Soviet Backfire bomber was capable of being used as a long-range strategic bomber capable of delivering nuclear

warheads.

The Soviet Union, he said, was being asked to liquidate half of its missiles "just because someone does not like them". As for the American proposal on modernizing missiles, this was nothing but "a cheap trick" again intended to place the Russians in an inferior position.

Mr Gromyko went on to make a long series of proposals for

a long series of proposals for arms control and reduction which he said the Soviet negonators had initiated but the

Americans had ignored. Progress had been made on other issues such as the ban on bacteriological warfare and the non-proliferation agreement. There would also be another chance to discuss the strategic arms deadlock when he mer Mr Vance in Geneva in May.

Asked whether the controversy with Mr Carter over human rights had contributed to the failure to reach an agreement during the Vance visit, Mr Gromyko said that anything that poisoned the atmosphere certainly had not helped. "We do not try to teach others how to solve their internal problems, and we do not allow others to interfere in

Moscow, March 31.—Mr Gromyko, in one outburst during his press conference, de-clared angrily: "It is being said by the other side that in-Mos-cow a broad programme of disarmament was put forward and that the Soviet leadership did not accept it. That does not correspond to reality. It is an intrinsically false version."—



Carter warning to Russia on new weapons wins praise in Congress

Prom Fred Emery
Washington, March 31
President Carter's stated intention to "hang tough" with
his proposals on arms reductions—meaning, he explained, to keep at it with "strong negotiations" until the Sovier Union came round—won wide-spread applause today from beek negotiation.

both parties in Congress.

There is little acceptance of failure of Mr Vance's Moscow mission. Unstated is the belief that the Russians have been put on the spot for refusing a fair attempt at actual Those, like Senator Hubert

Humphrey, who most favour arms reductions, agreed with President Carter that the Soviet leadership needed time to digest his "drastic" and "radical" proposals for missile reductions. Others, like Senator Henry Jackson, who are sceptical of the Soviet arms build-up, coolly

appraised the situation as typical Soviet "resting" of a new President Some Republicans tended to. emphasize Mr Carter's sugges-tion that his present restraint on new American weapons might not last beyond the next meeting of Mr Vance with Mr

Minister, in May.
At the conclusion of his has-

Gromyko, the

Soviet Foreign

the Soviets are not arting in of "strict limits on the range" would be forced to consider a much more deep commitment ing : to the development and deployment of additional weapons".

The clear threat to accelerate development of the new B1 strategic bomber aircraft and the MX mobile intercontinental ballistic missile, is what some hardiners feel to be the only language the Russians will understand. Some news commentators

take a different view. In the Washington Star Mr Henry Bradsher noted that the Carter proposal boiled down to an American promise not to build tuture weapons in exchange for a Russian hair to and actual scrapping of present sys-tems. That might have over-whelmed them.

A leading article in The Washington Post temperately suggested that the bloated appearance of Mr Brezhnev, which so startled Americans in Moscow, suggested deeper ail-ments and the possibility that Moscow was coming to grips with a leadership crisis. The elements of the whole

tily called press conference debute on arms limitations last night Mr Carter said: "If have been changed as a result we feel at the conclusion of of Mr Carter's disclosures yesnext mouth's discussions that terday. In return for the offer good faith with us, and that an permitted for Cruise missiles agreement is unlikely, then I and other American restraints. and other American restraints, Mr Carter wanted the follow-

1. "Substantial "-if unstatedreductions in the overall totals of missile launchers and Mirv launchers :

2. Halt development and deployment of new weapons sys-

3. Freeze at about 550 the present level of land-based missiles—the American Minuteman, and the Soviet SS 17, 18 and 19:

Ban mobile missiles—the Soviet SS 16 and 20, and the American MX, which is only at the development stage; and ask the Russians for "some assured mechanism" to dist-inguish between the Mobile ICBM SS 16, and the mobile ਸ.ਪੁਟਿਸ਼ਸ range SS 20;

Limit range of the backfire bomber and the American Cruise missiles; 6. Limit test firings of ICBMs

and MRBMs to six a year. Mr Vance in London, page 8 Leading article, page 15

Parliamentary report, page 6

Nato upset as Britain plumps for Nimrod

By Arthur Reed

Britain's airborne early warning system is to be based on the home-produced Nimrod aircraft and associated radar rather than on an American aircraft and radar. Mr Mulley, the Defence Secretary, announced in the Commons yesterday.

The decision is a blow to the Nato alliance which had agreed in principle on the American system, based on the E3A aircraft, a version of the Boeing. 707 airliner.

An official spokesman for Nato said in Brussels last night: "The alliance expresses great disappointment that this action was taken."

Britain had qualified its acceptance of the American system by saying that the finance ministers of the Nato countries would have to work out a plan for sharing the cost of the fleet among the partners in the alliance. This the ministers have so far been unable to do.

Mr Mulley told MPs that the decision to buy the Nimrod had been made "in the light of continued uncertainty about the procurement of the American system. The Nimrod system would, he said, be inter-operable and compatible with any system which the other partners in the alliance might decide upon.

The decision was welcomed by Mr Winston Churchill, Opposition spokesman on defence, who said that Nimrod was a superb piece of British techno-logy. Britain had waited long enough for a Nato solution.

The number of jobs of a highly-skilled nature which will be saved by a decision to back Nimrod helped the Government to arrive at its conclusion.

According to the companies mainly involved, Hawker Siddley Aviation, the makers of the airframe, and Marconi-Elliott Avionics Systems, makers of the radars, some 7,000 jobs will be secured over

the next five years.

The Cabiner plainly saw the decision as an investment in the newly nationalized aerospace industry. Adapting a fleet of 11 Nimrods to the early-warning role will, at around 5250m, cost more than the planned British share of a Nato fleer of E3A aircraft.

A further reason for taking a unilateral decision was the urgent need to replace Britain's aging fleet of Shackleton early-warning aircraft. Their equipment is not able to spot the new supersonic Soviet bombers at 200 miles distance as will the

Rebels 50 miles from mining town as Zaire changes commanders

Kinshasa, March 31.—Zaire admitted today that a 5,000-strong force of former Katangan gendarmes was now only 50 miles from the important copper-mining town of Kolwezi in Zaire's southern province of Shaba, formerly Katanga Colonel Eluki, Zaire's former

operations commander in the province, said here today that the invaders were equipped with Soviet-made mortars and rockets and had "European-type" foreigners with them. He demed reports that General Bumba, the commander in chief of the Zaire Army, had been

killed He disclosed that "violent clashes " had occurred at Mut-sharsha, 75 miles west of Kolwezi, between Zaire troops and the invasion force.

The pin-pointing of the invane pin-pointing of the inva-sion force ends three days of speculation on its advance towards Kolwezi along the Ben-guela railway line, which before the Angolan civil war carried most of Zaire's copper to the Angolan port of Lobito.

Colonel Eluki, who has now been replaced as commander in Shaba by Brigadier Singa, head of the Zaire gendarmerie, rold journalists here that the invaders were using captured airports at Kisenge and Kapanga to fly in spares and equipment from Angola. But we have bombed these air-

There had been official silence on events for the past three days, he added, because there was nothing new to report. He appealed to journa-lists for objective reporting and said Zaire did not want to press censorship, Four hours later, however, correspondents found censors installed at the central tele-graph office.

Meanwhile, there were reports in kenya that Presi-dent Amin had sent paratroops and Air Force personnel to fight the 23-day-old rebellion in Shaba. They were reported to have left Kampaia on Tuesday in 30 Army lorries.—Agence France-Presse and AP.

Last-ditch defence of Mentmore man leaving

By John Young Planning Reporter A group of prominent public figures is making a last-ditch attempt to save Mentmore Towers for the nation before next Tuesday, the deadline imposed by the owner, Lord

Rosebery.

At the eleventh hour the issue has taken on political overtones with ministerial meetings, baffled and batfling exchanges between the Treasury and the Department of the Environ-ment, and efforts by Conserva-tive and Liberal MPs to raise Environthe matter in the Commons.

The catalyst was the disclo-

sure yesterday that Trafalgar House Investments, the shipping and property group, has offered £500,000 in return for a peppercorn lease of up to 50 years. In addition it is prepared to undertake repairs and maintenance, which may cost anything up to a further £500,000, and would give to the Treasury any future profits from opening the house to the

However, the proposed naturally depends upon the house and its contents being bought intact for the nation. The Government is refusing to put up more than film from the National Land Fund, which still leaves a further £1.5m.

Hence the latest campaign, which is to persuade a number of leading financial institutions to advance the money to the Government, free of interest, to be repaid over five years, which would amount to a gift that after tax.

But the National

But the National Arts-Collections Fund has said it will participate in such a scheme up to £250,000. Two of the four main clearing banks also have expressed willingness.

Last night Mr Patrick Cormack. Conservative MP for Staffordshire, South-west, said an all-party motion had been tabled in the Commons urging the Government to reconsider its decision not to acquire Mentmore and its contents.

Second top **Treasury**

By David Blake
Sir Derek Mitchell, Second
Permanent Secretary at the
Treasury and the man at the
centre of many of the negotiations last year with overseas
lenders to Britain, is to leave
early next month. Sir Derek,
who is 55, is to join the board
of merchant hankers Guinness of merchant bankers Guinness Mahon in October.

His departure means that the

Treasury has now lost two of its top five officials in the last month. Mr Alan Lord, Permanent Secretary in charge of industry, left recently to move to Dunlop.

The offer first came from

Guinness Mahon last summer but he declined because he thought it would be wrong to leave at a time when it was clear that the economy was in for a stormy patch. He reached his decision to leave about a month ago, but

there is a strong impression that his mind was set in that direction for some time, and the conflicts he is believed to have had over the necessary terms for the IMF loan may have stiffened his resolve. His decision to leave does not flow from differences of policy, however, it was made clear in Whiteball yesterday. Man in the news, page 2 Leading article, page 15

Pilot who went berserk kills seven passengers

Zamboanga City Philippines, March 31.—A pilot went berserk and shor dead seven people and wounded 16 today as a chartered DC3 aircraft carried its military passengers back to base in the southern Philippines.

The pilot, Captain Ernesto Agbulo, left the controls, grabbed an automatic rifle from the cockpit where it was kept for security reasons and sprayed the cabin with bullets before being overpowered by the remaining passengers.—Reuter.

if garages _ repay duty

By Roger Vielvoye Energy Correspondent Up to £15m worth of excess duty on petrol sales will be refunded by the Board of Customs and Excise to oil com-panies if moves to reject the Chancellor's Budget proposals on fuel taxes succeed on

Monday. But motorists must insist on a receipt for petrol bought before Monday if they want a chance of getting their share of the £15m back again, the oil

companies say.

Shell said there would be "absolute chaos" if retailers had to give refunds of duty on petrol they had sold since the petrol they had sold since the cost of their new deliveries of oil went up on Tuesday night. Initial stages of the refunding process will be essy, the Treasury says. If the vote to confirm the 5p a gallon increase in duty is lost the customs and excise will repay all the excess to the oil companies, who collect it on their behalf.

The big companies say they will be morally bound to repay any excess duty they have received from retailers.

Legally there is no obligation on the retailer to make any refund, the Department of Prices and Consumer Protec-tion said yesterday. As there is no maximum price for petrol, retailers can charge what they like for fuel, provided motorists will pay.

But oil companies expect their dealers to pay back customers who can prove with a receipt that they bought perrol that included the excess

By Neville Hodgkinson Social Policy Correspondent

of cigarettes containing tobacco

substitutes and additives is now certain. The independent Scien-

tific Committee on Smoking and Health has decided to raise

no objection to the carefully

controlled use of two robacco substitutes, Cytrel and New Smoking Material (NSM).

ing the substitutes are sold,

however, the committee will re-

to obtain its agreement to their

of those studies.

Before any cigarettes contain-

'Chaos' fear | Lib-Lab talks to avoid petrol price trap

By Michael Hatfield

incrinsically

While ministers were exuding an air of confidence that the Government would avoid the trap awaiting it on Monday in the Budget vote on petrol prices, the Liberal Party, which has registered opposition, was

not so sure. Both sides are trying to reach an agreement and Mr Barnett, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, had a meeting with Mr Pardoe, Liberal spokesman on Treasury affairs, yesterday. Last night Mr Pardoe said no accommoda-rion had been reached they

were still negotiating.

The Liberals are demanding that the motorist should be freed from the dusy increase of 5p a gallon, alchough they accept the increase on heavy oils. Negotiations have been complicated by the fact that both increases are conrained within the one resolu-

The same complication applies to the increase in excise duty on cars, from £40 annually to £50, which the Liberals oppose, and the increases on heavy goods vehicles, which Mr Steel and his colleagues

Mr Pardoe said last night that he expected consultations with the Government to con-tinue over the weekend. Mini-sters are treating Monday's vote, on whether to approve the duty increases which would bring in £460m in revenue, as one of the highest import-ance. Defeat would create enormous administrative and legal difficulties, but the Government will not treat it as a vote of confidence.

Controlled use of tobacco substitutes

safe cigarette".

specified quantities to about 370 flavourings, colourings and other substances being added to tobacco. They have been used

in cigarettes receives approval

The arrival in British shops reached in a few months.

however, the communities will be discovered for 20 years in Europe or the quire the companies concerned for 20 years in Europe or the polygip its agreement to their United States without any.

methods of conducting long-term human health studies, and to set a firm date for the starr

Suitable without any evidence that they add to the ill effects of smoking.

But about 30 other proposals

Or Robert Hunter, Vice-Chanceller of Birmingham Uni-versity, who is chairman of the history of long-term use or

There were suggestions that the Liberals were attempting to get a differential rate of increase between urban and rural areas, which the party views with especial concern, but Mr Pardoe said last night: "I do

not think that is a solution this time."
With the Liberals apparently having shifted their emphasis during the day from the ques-tion of the rural areas to the motorist in general, it was not thought last night that two proposals the Government is about to bring before the Commons will have any bearing

on Liberal demands. The first is the Passenger Vehicle (Experimental Areas)
Bill, which originated in the
Lords, allowing experiments in
four designated rural areas on
different methods of public
transport, including car-sharing, taxis and mini-buses.

The second measure is a

White Paper on transport, which will include a section on rural transport, including probable recommendations to give more flexibility in the licensing system for public transport. Our Parliamentary Correspondent writes: A revok in the Labour ranks became apparent last night when Mr John Ryman, MP for Blyth, said that he deployed the increased taxon petrol and would not support the Government on the proposal it was iniquitous that the motorist was again going to bear an intolerable additional

He also deploted the increase in the road fund licence to £50. Parliamentary report, page 6 Leading article, page 15

report was a valuable contribu-

The Hunter committee had

been considering for nearly four

years two submissions for the use of tobacco substitutes. One

was from a consortium of Gal-

laher and Carreras-Rothman for

Cytrel, a product of the Celan-

Tobacco for NSM, a product of ICI. Restrictions on use, page 2 Sale prospects, page 21

smoking and health.

committee, said yesterday that about which the committee

he hoped agreement would be needs further evidence are to reached in a few months. be considered later.

The committee has also tion to the success of the Gov-raised no objection within ermment's general strategy on

But about 30 other proposals ese Corporation of America, from companies for marketing and the other from Imperial

New £800m gilt issue as MLR is cut to $9\frac{1}{2}$ pc

A full point reduction in minimum lending rate to 9? per cent and a new £800m gilt-edged issue were announced yesterday. The cur in lending rate is designed to bring it in line with prevailing money market levels, but the bank makes it clear that it is anxious to moderate the accelerating fall in interest rates shead of negretations for a new year policy and to deter negotiations for a new pay policy and to deter embarrassing inflows of "hot" money from abroad Page 19

Tenerife 'TV' inquiry

The leader of the United States ream investigating the Tenerife air disaster said they "intend to check out" a report that there might have been a television set in the airport control tower when the crash occurred. Black, boxes and voice recordings have left for examination in

Pub profits scrutiny

Prices and profits in Britain's 73,000 public houses and bars are to be examined by the Price Commission. Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, making the announcement, welcomed the commission's findings on soft drinks and "mixers" Page 4

NUS bar on 'fascists'

The National Union of Students voted to maintain its policy of actively discouraging "racialist and fascist" speakers. Its conference at Blackpool rejected a move by the executive to alter the policy to one of no invitation to such speakers. Voring was 182,330 to 154,033 Page 7

Deportation appeal

The promised Commons debate on the planned deportations of Mr Philip Agee and Mr Mark Hosenball was planned for Tuesday, the Govern-Hosenball was planned for Tuesday, the Government said, but the fact that Mr Hosenball is taking his appeal to the House of Lords on Monday will prevent it from taking place

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Court blames AA

The House of Lords said that a tactic used by the Automobile Association to obtain higher costs for its solicitors in recovering small sums for members involved in accidents was a misuse of the process of the court Law Report, page 12 reviews Silver Streak, Joseph Androus labberwocky, Pleasure

Dr Kaunda blames West for Soviet successes

President Kaunda of Zambia says in an interview with The Times that the West, and particularly Britain, has only itself to blame for the spread of communist influence in southern Africa and the "approaching conflagration" there. The West's failure to end white minority rule had left blacks no choice but armed con-flict, in which they were supported only by the Eastern block countries Page 8

Japan orders trawlers to leave Soviet coast

Japan broadcast an emergency warning to its fishing fleer to leave its traditional grounds off the Soviet Pacific coast by midnight last night. Talks with Russia on a new fishing agree-ment have been deadlocked over Japan's claim to four islands occupied by the Soviet Union at the end of the Second World War Page 9

EEC butter veto The European Commission has let it be known

that it will prevent fresh sales of subsidized EEC butter to Russia. West German suppliers are negotiating the delivery of 35,000 tonnes to Moscow, but the Commission is against further sales to East European countries at the EEC taxpayers' expense Page 8

Miners oppose curb

Scottish miners are seeking support from the executive of the National Union of Mineworkers for rejection of the social contract. Mr Gormley, the union's president said the Chancellor could not continue to make tax concessions conditional on wage restraint. He would not recommend phase three to his members Page 2 Christmas complaint: The CBI has complained that Christmas and New Year Bank holiday plans

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He thought the substitute tobaccos would help to make smoking safer, although "no-body could possibly claim that body could possibly claim that are going to create the Social Services. He said the Treasury
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Scottish miners seek leaders' support for end to social contract

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor

political onslaught on the Chancellor's efforts to agree with the TUC on a third year of pay restraint. They are seekof pay restraint. They are seeking, and may get, support from
the executive of the National
Union of Mineworkers for
rejection of the social contract.
Mr William McLean,
Communist secretary of the Communist secretary of the Scottish miners, said yesterday that his area leadership would reject Mr Healey's offer of tax concessions in return for another round of income policy. "I would hope that the trade union movement will reject the blackmail that Healey's bait entails", he said.

The miners' executive meets

The miners' executive meets on April 14, the day after the TUC economic committee considers the Budget NUM leaders will have before them a resolution from the Scottish miners suggesting that they should break away from the constraints of income policy. newal of the pay policy,
Mr Gormley, the union's more than a thousand si
president, said yesterday that stewards are expected
what he called the Chancellor's attend. The conference of succeeding.

not negotiated by unions to do? I will make no effort to Scortish miners are leading a sell phase three to my members.*

That will be the view taken by Mr Gormley in discussions within the TUC economic committee, of which he is a member. It also seems certain to be the attitude of the miners? policy-making conference in the summer. All four resolu-tions on the preliminary agenda from moderate and militant areas call for rejection of the social contract, which is seen as synonymous with wage

restraint. The miners are also tabling resolution for the Scourish TUC opposing wage restraint. The Scottish congress has no executive power but exercises considerable influence.

On Sunday, British Leyland shop stewards are to hold a mass conference in Birming-ham Town Hall to mobilize shop-floor opinion against a re-newal of the pay policy, and blackmail" stood no chance almost certain to support an first succeeding. "He cannot unofficial call for a one-day traint", he added. "What is he timed to coincide with the day asking people whose wages are Parliament reassembles.

Childless 'to get | Overtime ban reliefs meant to aid parents'

By Our Social Services

A guide to the Budget tax changes for one-parent families is published today by the National Council for One Parent Families. It observes that childless couples will receive £30m in tax reliefs intended to helo parents.

The council estimates that the Government could have saved 578m by limiting the tax increase for childless married men to 570.

Tax Changes in the Budget (National Council for One Parent

by Nalgo over cash cuts

By Our Labour Reporter An overtime ban by the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo) starts today in protest at cuts

in public spending. The ban, approved by a special one-day conference of the union in London, is proving unpopular in some quarters and may be reversed at the

annual conference in June. Guidance on the ban has been sent to branches throughout Britain. They will have discre-

Christmas holiday plans annoy industry

By Craig Seton
The Government's decision

about Bank holidays for next Christmas and the new year ran into renewed criticism vesterday, with complaints that industry will face nunecessarily prolonged disruption.

prolonged disruption.

It was already known, with Christmas Day falling on a Sunday, that Monday, December 26, and Tuesday, December 27, were to be Bank holidays in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The Covernment has now announced that ment has now announced that because New Year's Day also falls on a Sunday, Monday, January 2, will be a Bank holi-

day, with an extra day for Scot-land on January 3.

With bitter memories of the disruption of industry last time, when Bank holidays extended into a second week, the Confederation of British Industry and commercial interests hoped that the new year Bank holiday would be on Friday, December 30, confining the holiday period within a single week. single week.

The CBI said yesterday:
"Industrial production will "Industrial production will suffer again. The Government based their decision on the interests of the retail trade, but surely more weight should be given to the interests of manufacturing."

The London Chamber of Commerce and Industry said that foreign industrialists were likely to conclude that a Britain suffering severe economic difficulties was taking its holidays

too casually.

The Department of Employment said that the decision had been reached because of the difficulties likely to be experienced by the retail trade, the banks, and food distributive trades if the new year holiday was taken on December 30. Employers and employees were generally free to make other arrangements

Dearer bacon

Some bacon will cost more next week after wholesale price rises yesterday. English and

Man in the news: Battle over vital IMF loan

A wit whose memoirs would earn a fortune

Sir Derek Mitchell, whose departure from the Treasury to merchant banking was announced yesterday, is a rarity among civil servants in having a name familiar to the followers of gossip columns. For as principal private secretary to Sir Harold Wilson, 1964-66, he was the first official to acquire the unforget-table experience of working closely with Lady Falkender, the Frime Minister's personal and political secretary.

He is a small, fine-featured man with a pretty and a wicked wit, and his memoirs of those years would be worth a publisher's ransom. To date, he has contented himself with the remark, accompanied by an angelic smile, that the art of a private secretary in such cir-cumstances is to display "com-posure and fortitude".

Perhaps unfairly, Whitehall them, in soft language to spare will remember Sir Derek for the feelings of ministers. If he his celebrated battles. His most did not think their schemes recent was with Mr Lever, had a hope, he would tell Chancellor of the Duchy of them. "And Derek does have Lancaster. As Treasury Second his sense of humour", his Permanent Secretary in Charge friends would say in explant of Overseas Finance, Sir Derek nation of his difficulties with had a marked difference of the more wishful-thinking of had a marked difference of the more wishful-thinking of opinion with the Cabiner's ministers. financial expert during the

IMF loan last year. Friends in private, with a shared love of music, especially opera, the two men, both quirky, independent spirits, had some memorable exchanges. It took a couple of meetings chaired by Mr Calla-ghan at the turn of the year to sort things our once the loan and sterling safety net were

Secure.

Sir Derek would liken himself to a "winged messenger bringing gloomy reports" about just what Britain's creditors would and would not stand from HMG. According to Whitehall insiders, he very nearly won the Treasury's internal battle about the need for every meaning to the standard processor control of the second states are the second states. for even greater curs in public expenditure last December.

The difference between Sir Derek and many civil servants is that he would not dress up unpalatable truths, as he saw them, in soft language to spare the feelings of ministers. Whe

He could wax eloquent about



Sir Derek Mitchell: "Composore and fortitude "

the danger of civil servants becoming indistinguishable from special advisers appointed by ministers for political reasons. His political hero was the most austere Chancellor of them all, Sir Stafford Cripps, who did not spare people either. It was that side of Sir Derek that led his superiors to appoint him to superiors to appoint him to Number 10 in anticipation of a

Labour victory at the polls in

Soldier hit

by bomb

hidden in

scrap iron

A soldier suffered lacera

the New Barasley area of Bel

fast as an army patrol was

passing yesterday.

The 2lb bomb, attached to a heap of scrap iron, was detonated from an adjacent house. A search failed to find the bomber.

A bomb badly damaged in east Belfast supermarket. It was placed by three men who

was placed by three men who gave a five-minute wasning.
In the Dermott Park Road area on AK47 rifle, a pishi and ammunican and several daggers were found by the

Army.

On the south Armsgi border near Feursybridge an Army petrol came under fire. It first back but the gumner disappeared across the border.

life terms: Two Ulster Volunteer Force men were falled for life by Belfast City. Commission yesterday for the killing two years ago of two young men in a public house near the New Lodge Road area of Belfast.

Lodge Road eres of Heliast.

Thomas Ireland, of Fortwilliam Parade, and Peter Thompson, both of Merves Street, Beifast, both aged 23 had planted a bomb at McLaughliu's bar which killed Mr Kevin Kane and Mr Michael Coula both aged 18.

William Craig Harper, aged 29, of Ballyfore Park, New-townshbey, was jailed for life for murdering two brothers, the owners of the Golden Pheasant resumment near Lisburn. He also admitted causing explosions and imprisoning customers and staff

Charges against

chief constable

Mr John Clitheroe, a partner

in the president of the Law Society's London firm of solici-

tors, is to draw up disciplinary charges against Mr. Stanley Part, suspended Chief Constable

of Lancashire.
The charges which will be

alleged come under the police disciplinary regulations. Mr Patrick Back, QC, will hear the

case against Mr Paur together with one or more assessors.

Treasures charge

A charge against Manulal Narang, aged 42, a Liberian dip-lomat, of handling stolen Indian

art treasures was withdrawn at Marylebone Magistrates Court.

London, yesterday, after a deci-

cision by the House of Lords that he should be extradited.

After an application by the

Indian Government for Mr Narang to be extradited, an

withdrawn

Coyle, both aged 18.

customers and staff.

Sir Derek's decision to move Sir Derek's decision to move to the City slightly predated the high peak of criticism he suffered during the currency collapse last autumn. Guinness Mahon first made their approach last summer. He decided to stay beyond the Budget, as he did not wish to give the impression of cutting and running.
It was difficult to be neutral

about Sir Derek Mitchell. Some will not regret his premature at 55, others will miss his spirit and conviviality. Had he succeeded Sir Douglas Allen as Head of the Treasury three years ago he would surely have stayed. But, he said this week, some years ago he had vowed to take stock at 55 and consider pastures new.

Asked what had been his most difficult job during 30 years in Whitehall, Sir Derek, ironic as ever, replied that it was handling public service pensions in the Treasury's superannuation division. He found it difficult to sustain the remained a lessifical frame of required "Jesuitical frame of mind", he explained.

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Scottish local councils | Restrictions on use of try to repair image

From Martin Huckerby

spent much of the first day of their annual conference at Elgin yesterday trying hard to repair their public image, which has been badly damaged by disputes between regional and dis-trict councils. Many representatives at the

conference of the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (Cosla) were worried about the public disenchantment with their councils, arising from the squabbles between the two tiers of the reorganized local government system.

The new Scottish local authorities have been more generally criticized than their English and Welsh conmer-parts and there has been greater conflict between the two tiers. Differences between districts and regions have arisen over planning and roads. housing and social work, and recreation and tourism.

The issues are not always

important. For example, Lothian Regional Council and Edinburgh District Council are at present locked in a fierce argument over who should provide an in-formation booth at Edinburgh

Perhaps reflecting the existing balance of power, speakers from regional councils generally showed much less emhusiasm for improving the position by having another reorganization of the councils.

Captain D. M. Russell, chair-man of North East Fife District Council, won applause, however, when he called for the establishment of a single tier of local government, based on the district councils.

Not all district councils shared his views and much

scorn was poured on the idea of changing the whole system only two years after the last change. Cosla is a notable example

of cooperation: it is a single association for all the councils. whereas south of the border such unity has not been achieved, and there are three local authority associations serving the different types of council.

Nevertheless Cosla remains an uneasy alliance, with some district councils feeling that the organization is dominated by the regions. One regional speaker warned the districts against setting up their own associations, which he believed might lead to the end of Cosla.

cise to enable us to say that "we find it unobjectionable". It intends to task Carreras-Rothman The use of tobacco substitutes in cigarettes received approval yesterday. But the Hunter committee on smoking and health laid down several conditions.

tobacco substitutes

By Our Social Policy Correspondent

It makes clear in its report that it has not approved un-restricted use of the new sub-stances. It wants manufac-turers to state the precise proportion of inclusion of the sub-stitute, probably between a fifth

and a quarter, and the other specifications of the cigarettes that will contain it. The evidence received relates only to particular proportions of tobacco with substitutes and particular types of tobacco, it

Says. "If manufacturers wished to use the substitute in circumstances widely different from those for the tests it could be scientifically unsafe to extrapolate the favourable evidence

we have." The laboratory of the Government Chemist will monitor the composition of the new cigarettes put on the market. The committee is also auxious

to see the progressive develop-ment of milder cigarettes. Marketing plans indicate that the companies intend the new cigarettes to have a much lower

and Imperial for more details, but adds: "We do not intend that this action should hinder the companies, as we have given our secretariat authority to agree the submissions forthwith if they are satisfactory."

The tobacco additives approved will be used without any marketing submission in the case of conventional cigarettes. But submissions will be required for proposals to use them with a tobacco substitute.

Dr Robert Hunter, chairman of the committee, said the evidence indicated that substitute tobaccos were no more damaging to health than ordinary tobacco, and that they might lead to making smoking less harmful.

Chemical studies indicated lessening of toxic substances in cigarettes containing the new materials, and a diminution in potential for causing tumours in animals.

'Welcome step': Action on Smoking and Health (Ash) seid the move was a welcome step to less harmful smoking, but must be treated with great caution. It added: "There is a very real danger that media and public will talk of a safe cigarette. If this happens tobacco substitutes could de

charges of corruptly receiving

gifts or advantages. He was also

Council for further research at Leeds University into the significance of skull pressure variations in the trigatment of patients with severe head injuries. It is made in Professor Dr G. McDowall and Mr Robert Allen, of the university's department of anaesthesia.

Britain. They will have discre-tion to make arangements to 1p a pound. Danish were avoid danger to life and limb. unchanged. Families, 255 Kentish Town Road, London, NW5 2LX, 12p).

Flights threatened by maintenance ban engineers employed by British Airways are threatening to ban night shifts from Sunday in support of a pay claim. The unofficial action would affect the airline's maintenance pro- long-haul flights, 01-828 9711; gramme, since most of the work Manchester, 061-228 6311; Glasis done at night.

The airline said yesterday:
"It is too early to be able to predict the effect on flights." Revised schedules for flights from Monday were being planned, but efforts to resolve the dispute were continuing.

Mr Arthur Goodburn, the suspended principal of the Isle of Ely College, at Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, resigned his £10,200-a-year job yesterday.

After a secret 21-day

After a secret 21-day disciplinary hearing into 13

allegations of mismanagement

against him, a panel of three governors found the accusations

proved. But the full body of

governors was unable to agree on Mr Goodburn's future.

Water rate shock

for West Country

Water rates in the West Country might rise by up to nearly 80 per cent over the next five years, according to a plan published yesterday. The

five-year development plan, drawn up by the South West

Water Authority at the request of the Government, has been cut to the bone" to minimize

the effect on future charges.

College nead

resigns

than 48 hours before they are due to travel. The airline gave the following telephone numbers for such inquiries: London-Europe flights, 01-370 5411

gow, 041-332 9666; Belfast, 40522; Jersey, Central 22201. A dispute involving 200 baggage loaders at Gatwick airport was ended yesterday after they received assurances from senior police officials regarding lanned, but efforts to resolve alleged police harassment. The 25 aircraft and 3,000 passengers be dispute were continuing. men's union had called emer- British Caledonian said it had Passengers are advised to gency meetings after three to cancel five flights.

130 answers sought in new

school record system

Teachers at 16 selected

infants' schools in Coventry will have to answer more than 130

questions about each child in

a newly devised record system

to be included in checks on

Two questions ask whether

the boy or girl can go to the

lavatory alone or fasten coat

Mr Kenneth Holdcroft, of Coventry branch of the National

Union of Teachers, said last night: "Obviously records have to be kept on infants to check

progress and ability, but it depends how far you go.

All young men in Redditch, Worcester, with a population of

60,000, are to be asked by the police to take saliva tests to eliminate them from the hunt

battons.

Saliva tests

) for a rapist.

children's academic progress.

Four thousand maintenance telephone reservation offices to loaders were detained by the

captains asked the loaders to unload luggage from a plane so that passengers could see if any of their belongings were missing. It was then that the strike was called." A police officer said later that

two men had been charged and

would appear at Crawley Magistrates Court. A third man had been released. Luggage for Dan-Air and Laker Airways is handled by 80 workers. The dispute delayed 25 aircraft and 3,000 passengers.

"So far, I have not had any

reaction from those teachers who will be involved in this experiment."

The education authority said

the purpose was to provide as

much information as possible

when the child moved to other

schools. Eventually the new

type of records would be ex-

tended to cover junior schools.

The confidential files will include detailed information

about a child's response to school, ability, progress, be-haviour, health and home back-

Sussex police vote

Man kept wife murder secret for five years

From Our Correspondent

said to have kept the death of his wife secret for five years, was found guilty at St Albans Crown Court, Hertfordshire, yesterday of her murder in

1971. He was jailed for life. The jury rejected his defence that he stabbed his wife, Mavis, aged 40, six times in selfdefence after she had attacked him with a carving knife. He said she had died after impal-

ing herself on the knife when

she fell.

It was stated that Mr Chambers, of West Hill Road, Luton, had buried the body in a shallow grave in the back garden and had then sold the house and moved to Blackpool.

He had written letters to his wife's sister in Luton, it was alleged, telling her how he and his wife were getting on. In 1976 the police visited the sister on another matter and the told them of her respicant she told them of her suspicions.

Hovercraft chief designer shot

near Army range
A senior hovercraft designer
was shot and slightly injured
tear an army firing range
yesterday. Mr Alan Bingham, chief designer for Vosper Thornycraft, was studying radar on a hovercraft under-going trials in the Solent when

he was wounded in the right

Members of a school cadet force shooting team were firing on the range and full safety precautions were in force, the Army said. An immediate investigation was ordered.
Mr Bingham was studying the radar on board the 90ton

VI-2 hovercraft off the Browndown range, near Gosport, Hampshire, when a bullet pene-trated the thin metal skin of the craft.

The company said the hover-craft was outside the official fining area.

Plea to supporters Menchester United supporters are being urged by the police not to travel to Saturday's Football League first division match in Norwich unless they already have a ticket.

tar and nicotine yield cigarette. If this he tobacco substitutes conthe case of Gallaher's plans the cigarette. If this he tobacco substitutes conthe case of Gallaher's plans the more harm than good." Year's jail for corruption Dennis Rose, aged 41, 2 busi- Avon, had been acquitted on

by Mr Justice Talbot at Birmingham Crown Court vesterday and ordered to pay £2,000 towards prosecution costs when he was found guilty on eight of 12 charges involving trying

to corrupt Warwickshire's, former chief planning officer. Ronald Norris, aged 51. the planning chief, of Clifford Chambers, near Stratford-on-

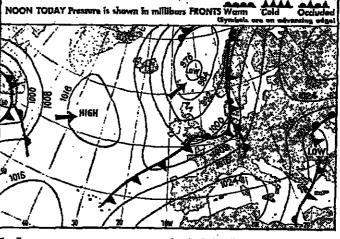
round not guilty of forging and uttering a £1,530 cheque.

Mr Rose was cleared of four charges alleging corruption. He was found guilty of corruptly giving a dishwasher, cooker, washing machine, freezer-refrigerator, firted carners, 450. washing machine, freezer-refrigerator, firred carpets, 450 gallons of heating oil and part of the cost of two cars.

Magistrates' Court but Mr Narang successfully appealed against it. £40,000 for head injury study

A £40,000 grant has been made by the Medical Research

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

6.37 am 7.34 .pm Moon sets: Moon rises: 5.64 am Fuli moon : April 4.

Lighting up: 8.4 nm to 6.4 am. Lighting up: 8.4 pm to 8.4 am. High water: London Bridge: 12.36 pm, 6.3m (20.5ft). Avonmouth: 5.40 am, 11.5m (37.6ft); 6.19 pm, 12.0m (39.5ft). Dover, 9.55 am, 5.8m (19.2ft): 10.19 pm, 6.1m (20.4ft). Hull, 4.57 am, 6.2m (20.4ft); 5.6 pm, 6.5m (21.5ft). Liverpool, 10.1 am, 8.3m (27.1ft); 10.29 pm, 8.5m (28.0ft).

A deep depression N of Scotland will move slowly N while an asso-ciated trough crosses the British Isles. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London. East Anglia, Midlands, S. Wales: Mostly cloudy, some outbreaks of rain, possibly brighter intervals; wind mainly SW fresh or strong; max temp 9°C (48°F). 9°C (48°F).

SE, SW, Central S England,
Channel Islands: Cloudy, rain at
times, perhaps bright intervals;
wind mainly SW, strong, locally
gale; max temp 9°C (48°F).

E. NE England: Spinny intervals,
showers, heavy in places; wind
SW fresh, max temp 9° or 10°C
(48° or 50°F).

(48° or 50°F). N Wales, NW, Central N Eng-WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c,

land, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, N Ireland: Bright intervals, showers, heavy and pro-longed in places with hall, snow later on high ground; wind SW, fresh or strong peering NW

longed in places with hall, snow later on high ground; wind SW, fresh or strong, veering NW, max temp 8°C (46°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee. Aberdeen, Glasgow: Bright intervals and showers, heavy and prolonged in places, sleat or snow on hills; wind SW, fresh or strong, veering NW; max temp 8°C (46°F).

Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney: Rather cloudy, outbreaks of raid, sleet or snow, chiefly on hills, few bright intervals; wind SW, fresh or strong, veering NW, max temp 8°C (46°F).

Outdook for the weekend: Showers, possibly prolonged, wintry at times in N, some sunny intervals, becoming colder, overnight frost in places.

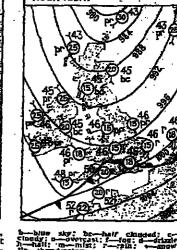
Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Winds S or SW, strong to gale; sea rough or very rough.

St George's Channel: Wind SW, snong to gale, becoming W or NW fresh later; Sea rough or very rough.

Irish Sea: Wind SW, veering NW, strong to gale; sea rough or very rough.

Yesterday

Yesterday



7 am, 1°C (34°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 90 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 7 pm, 0.07in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 0.4hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,004.3 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

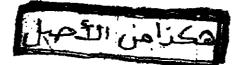
30-day forecast

The Meteorological Office yesterday issued the following forecast for the next 30 days: A cold start with overnight frost in many areas is expected. Thereafter variable weather is likely, including E winds, which may be mostly cyclonic in S districts. Some warm days are expected generally.

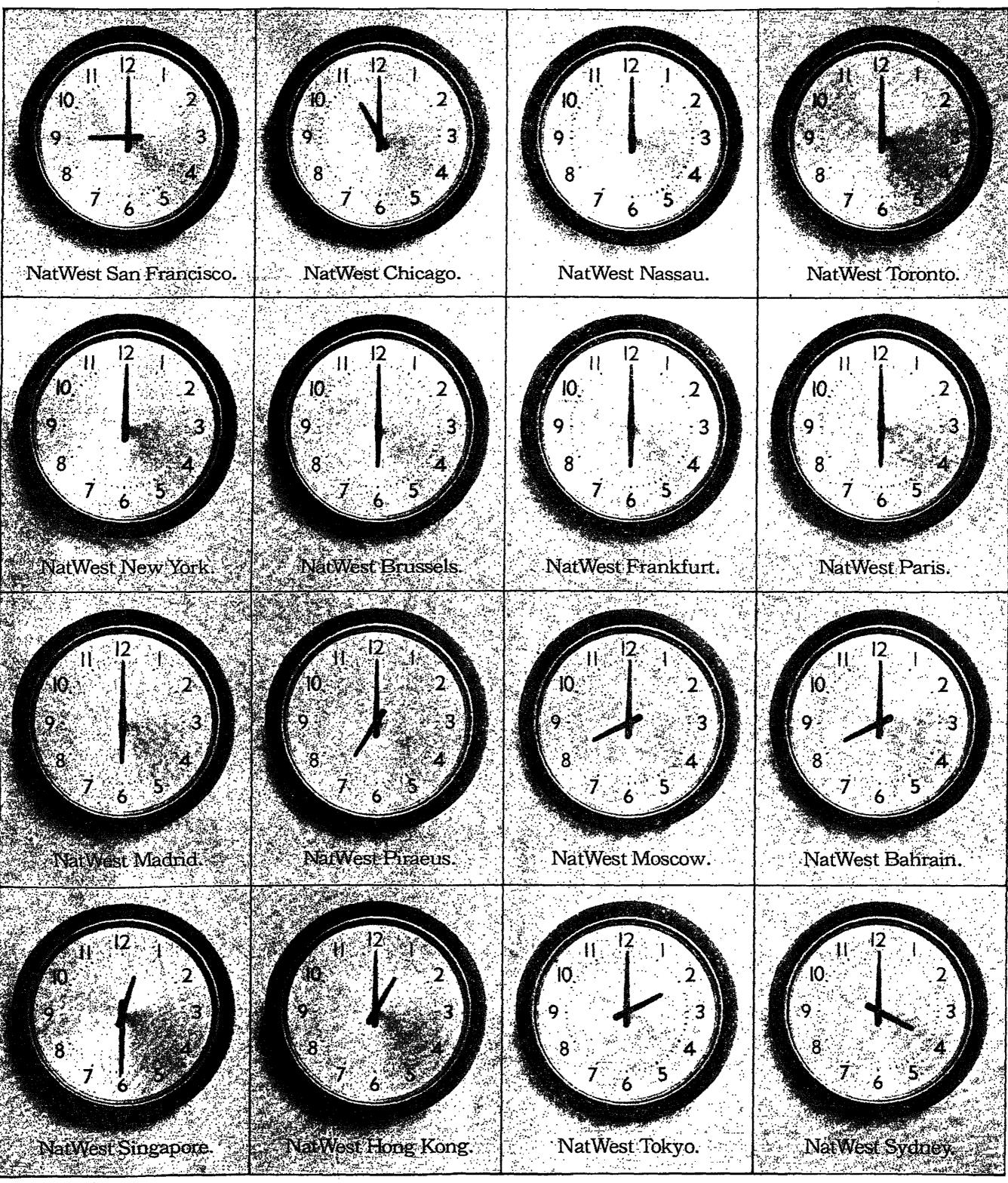
Mean temps are expected to range from below average in East Anglia and S parts of England and Wales to near average elsewhere. Rainfall will probably be above average in S parts of England and Wales, below average elsewhere. The frequency of frost and gales and the duration of sunshine will probably be near average in most places, but less smashine than average is likely in the S.







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Prices and profits in public houses and bars to be examined

By Ronald Emler
Business News Staff
Prices and profits in Eritain's 73,000 public houses and bars are to be examined by the Price Commission. That was announced vesterday by Mr Hatterlsey, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, who welcomed the commission's findings on soft drinks and "mixers sold on licensed premises. The study will be made by widening the scope of the commission's investigation into beer prices. In its report, published yesterday, the Price Commission recommends that bar prices for mixers such as tonic water should be "reduced by at least Price Commission. That was

should be "reduced by at least 2p". It suggests that manufacon mixers, the commission and the price of a 402 bottle of tonic selling in a public house at about 12p with the Slee bottle in most

Sloz bottle available in most supermarkers and grocers for about 9!p was unfair.

There are "widely differing overhead expenses and profit margins" in the two kinds of establishment, the commission average gross margin on mixers is 54 per cent teffectively a "mark up" of well over 100 per cent) compared with a margin of 49 per cent on spirits and 33 per cent on bit-

The commission criticizes some manufacturers who have "loaded" price rises, within the provisions of the Price Code, on to the size of mixers usually sold in public houses. Also publicans, unwilling to deal in halfpennies, tend to "round up" to the next penny when manufacturers' prices

lime, the report says it is com-mon practice for prices to be noticeably higher than the cost of the constituents would jus-tify". The practice of charging for lemonade as if it were bit-ter is widespread and should end. That would effectively bring the price of shandy down by 2p a pint on average.
There is also criticism,
strongly denied in the trade,
that some licensees deliberately load prices of soft drinks sold separately to discourage

chandy and lager and

mr Hattersley would like there to be talks with licensees and brewers aimed at implementing the commission's recom mendations. The Brewers' Society and the National Union of Licensed Victuallers said the "mixer trade" was only a small part of public house business, and it was unfair to arrack the licensed trade with out knowing the full picture of its pricing and profits struc-

soft Drinks and Mixers in Licen-sed Premises, Price Commission report 23 (Stationery Office 60p).



Painting returned: Lady Spencer-Churchill. who is 92 today, had an unexpected birthday present yesterday with the return by a London dealer of one of the paintings sold at auction last month to help to meet her living expenses (our Arts Reporter writes). Mr Roy Miles took it round to Lady Spencer-Churchill's flat and had tea with

her while the picture, one of her favourite works, painted by Sir John Lavery and showing her with her daughter, Sarah, in 1915, was rehung in its old position in the hall outside her room. Mr Miles is letting Lady Spencer-Churchill have the painting, part of which is shown above, on loan for

Debate on Hosenball case has to be cancelled

By David Leigh Political Staff

The skirmishing between the Home Secretary and the two men he is trying to deport on national security grounds took a new turn last night. The Govern-ment announced that the promised debate on the Agea-liosenball affair would take ilosenball attarr would take place on Tuesday but on Monday it will have to announce that the debate is off because Mr Mark Hosenball is to appeal to the House of Lords that day.

Labour MPs who have been supporting the two men were angry last night at what they aw as an attempt by the Home Office to bring pressure on Mr Hosenball into dropping his next round of legal action.

The announcement of the debate, which has had to be concelled at short notice once already because the case became sub judice, was made immediately, at yesterday's routine business statement by Mr Foot, the Leader of the House.

In this game of delay, the promised parliamentary debate the last card the supporter of the two men can play. Mr Rees, Home Secretary, promised in an earlier debare on his decision that they would not be deported before the Comons had had a chance to debate the affair.

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Courts say national security has precedence over freedoms

Predicament of 'non-identical twins'

Home Affairs Reporter
In the Court of Appeal this
week Mr Mark Hosenball and Mr Philip Agee were described as "non-identical twins". The description aprly meets their predicament and the threat of deportation.

But five months since notice of intention to deport was served last November little has emerged about the metaphorical parentage of the twins. National security was involved in their conception but Mr Rees, Home Secretary, has refused to give any details of the deportations other than broad allegations. To lobby after lobby he has shaken his head negatively like the mother of an illegitimate child left holding the baby but loyal to the father's confidentiality.

Mr Hosenball, aged 25, was accused of obtaining informa-tion for publication harmful to national security and prejudi-cial to the safety of servants of the Crown. An American, he has worked as a journalist in Britain for some years. He wrote for Time Out, a London weekly magazine mixing information on events, theatre and cinema with offbeat and investiwing lines.

Mr Agee, aged 41, was accused of maintaining regular lication. Mr Agee is a former member of the CIA who wrote a book of his experiences and the faults of the agency. He has lived in Britain for some years, working on a second book, writing and lecturing. In recent years he has become something of a luminary in the field of

CIA-sporting industry.

The Home Secretary acted under a section of the Immigration Act, 1971, covering matters of national security, and the cases of Mr Hosenball and Mr Agee have become the first under the particular section of the Act. No right of appeal is allowed in the Act but both men took advantage of a process of representations made to three members of an advisory panel. It was hoped that the panel would clarify the details of

the allegations, replacing the mountain of speculation and rumour that followed the notices of deportation. The CIA was said to have a finger in Mr Agee's allegations. Was vengeance being sought for his spoiling operation against the CIA in Jamaica? Was he being accused of the death of a British agent behind the iron curtain :

work for the Evening Standard, the London evening newspaper, but was he being accused for contacts with foreign intelli- work written in Time Out? The gence agents, disseminating two men knew each other and

come from Northern Ireland, terested in Mr Agee's life before how strong were the reports of he came to Britain when he an Irish aspect?

When the panel began hearing representations in January not a great deal more was dis-closed. It worked in a former Pall Mall club behind closed doors. Witnesses waiting out-side could idly read the private memorandum of a committee on water resources left in the waiting room or discover from an abandoned notice that a Nato committee had once met there. Inside, the panel would

give little,
Mr Agee conducted daily
press conferences on the panel as it laboured through more than 250,000 words of evidence and a long list of witnesses. Mr Hosenball played a very different game and refused to sav anything at all.

By the beginning of February the panel had beard MPs, jour-nalists and even Mr Ramsey Clark, the former United States the month Mr Rees announced that he had examined the panel's advice, and deportation orders would be served.

some sources said they were

worked in Paris and visited Cuba. Mr Hosenball found that they were interested in an article on the Government's communication centre at Cheltenham, aithough he told them he had not written the article and the real author explained

that the sources were public. Mr Rees's announcement pushed the affair to the courts, in which it is still trapped. Mr Agee sought safety in the Scot-tish courts and failed. Mr Hosenball, the two fighting separate campaigns, went to the High Court.

As the legal challenge began, the author of the communicadefence committee set up to help the two Americans were arrested with a former soldier the Official Secrets Act.
In the courts the issue has

Clark, the former United States moved from questions arising Attorney General. In the middle from journalistic work and freedom of information, which were invoked at the beginning, to issues of national security and the freedom of the individual. He refused to say what the Mr Hosenball has failed in panel had advised, although the Queen's Bench Divisional Court and the Court of Appeal

of both. Other sources have invalidated the deportation by since suggested they were split failing to give sufficient details in favour of allowing Mr Hosen- of the allegations. So far the ball to stay and unanimous that courts have accepted that Mr Agee should go. hational security takes precegence agents, observinging two men knew each other and Mr Agee shoots go.

Information harmful to Britain's was there some connexion? In their questioning the panel dent over freedoms. The next
security and aiding others to Since Mr Rees had recently disclosed that they were in- step is the House of Lords.

In determining whether com-

pensation should be paid, and how much, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

into account circumstances such

perty; whether he had behaved

provocatively or negligently;

whether he had taken reason-

able precautions to avoid

damage to his property; and the degree of help he gave

towards arresting the offender.

The draft order follows the

Applications for party membership were false

An inquiry by Mr Reginald Underhill, the Labour Party's national agent, into the affairs of the Islington, North, Labour Party has upheld allegations of false membership applications. But the inquiry report says it cannot apportion blame.

The party's national executive committee ordered the inquiry in May last year after allega-tions of voting irregularities at the annual meeting of two ward

There has been a long history of conflict within the constituency party between left-wingers and supporters of the MP, Mr Michael O'Halloran. The conflict came to a climax on March 11 this year when Mr O'Halloran alleged that he was punched and kicked by demonstrators protesting against his support for amendments to the abortion Act.

Allegations of false member ship applications were pre-sented to the inquiry in evidence from four party

The report says: We are extremely concerned with We are extremely concerned with the evidence presented regarding false applications for membership, but we note that these were reported in 1974 and, although the marter is serious, we are surprised it is included in the issues for which tals inquiry was requested. We regret that it has not been possible to place the responsibility for the submission of these false applications.

Extraordinary steps have be taken by various persons on both sides to encourage other members to attend important meetings with a tiew to securing support for their own favoured nominees and resolutions.

We regret that from the evidence piaced before us there is a regret-table absence of comradely spirit and tolerance in the constituency party. We find it difficult to apportion responsibility for the events and atmosphere within the party.

Some matters raised by com-plainants are clearly substantiated, but it would appear that in some instances complainants have looked around for issues to raise

Man cleared of trying to kill former mistress

ing actual bodily harm.

faking when she ran naked into the street outside her home screaming for help and then told the police that he had thrown a live electric wire into

He said Miss Christodoulou had staged the incident to get him to prison. They had argued over keys to her flat and she often threatened to get him sent

Group to study running of mental hospitals

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, announced yesterday that he is setting up a high-level working group to examine shortcomings emphasized in recent reports of inquiries into mental hospitals. The group will comprise people with practical experience, including members of

the social services, community health councils, voluntary organizations and the Health Advisory Service. Names will be announced shortly and Mr Ennals expects the group to report to him next year. In a Commons written reply

he said the group would examine particularly management difficulties of hospitals and units concerned with mental illness.

in order to embarrass and oppose the present constituency party leadership. As a result of the report which has been sent to all members of the national execu-

tive, a member of the party's London regional staff will attend every meeting of the Islington, North, party for the next year.

Socrates Pieri, aged 47, was cleared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of trying to murder his former mistress in her bath. He was acquitted of attempting to murder Miss Ourama Christodoulou at her nome in Sussex Way, Holloway,

The jury also acquired him of attempting to cause her grievous bodily harm, and assault caus-Mr Pieri, of Park Avenue

Palmers Green, told the court that Miss Christodoulou was

By Our Health Services Correspondent

report of a committee, chaired by Sir James Wadell, which looked into the 1971 Act.

Doctors worried over use of potent drugs doctors and other bodies to see if a workable scheme could By John Roper Health Services Correspondent

Doctors are becoming increasingly worried about the use of the potent drugs now available: The Royal College of Physicians held a press conference yesterday about the testing of new drugs and responsibility for, at times, unioreseen effects.

Sir Eric Scowen, chairman of the Committee on Review of Medicines, said new monitor-ing systems were being contaking place with the industry, but it is now debarable

be agreed.

At a conference prompted by concern about adverse reac-tions to practolol, a useful drug which produces adverse reactions in a small number of patients. Sir Eric said:
Modern medicines have become so powerful that there must be some doubt about the ability of one person to comprehend fully every new production. I would not wish any way to suggest that the right of doctors to prescribe as they see fit should be eroded,

equally competent to handle every new potent substance immediately after its introduc-

Dr D. G. Davey, formerly research director of ICI pharmaceuticals division, said metabolic investigation must be done in rats and dogs and later in man. That was worrying and the time had come to review toxicity-testing procedure. The present way of doing some carcinogenic tests and the interpretation given to positive results in animals were unreal would happen in man.

'Wine waiters paid only £12 a week'

Les Ambassadeurs, a private his job back at the club. He was luncheon and dining club in dismissed for allegedly "reek-Hamilton Place, Mayfair, paid ing of garlic", being rude to a wine waiters a basic wage of customer, serving wine over the only £12 a week, an industrial wrong shoulder and bursting tribunal in London was told into a private meeting with yesterday. It rose to £18 in wage inspectors.

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April, 1976, but was still below the legal minimum o fabout £23, it was stated.

Mr Umberto Berlen, aged 40, an Italian wine waiter from Chelsea, was appealing to get

Mr Umberto Berlen, aged 40, an Italian wine waiter from Chelsea, was appealing to get

Mr Berlen said he joined the Transport and General Workers' Union in March, 1976. Others joined a few days later. He continued: "Three or four weeks after I joined they said I should be teh leader. The club

Coins & Medals, May

issue, offers eleven as

prizes in a competition

quiz. It also features a

leading coin & medals

designer James Berry,

50 cent coins from the

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behalf of my colleagues in June or July.

"Their attitude towards me changed. Until that time they had no complaints against me. My attitude to the management did not change. I respected

Mr Habid Oughlani, another wine waiter, who was also dismissed said he played an active part in the union at the club. The hearing continues on

Knightsbridge maisonnette' fetches £1.2m

By Our Estates Correspondent By Our Estates Correspondent A price of £1,200,000 has been paid for the penthouse and a large part of the floor below in South Lodge, the block of flats being built in Knightsbridge, London. The sale is to a Swiss company, but it is understood that it will be occupied by a single family. When completed, the maisonette could provide up to 17 bedrooms, six reception rooms, 11 bathrooms and two kitchens, depending on layout.

Hamptons, which acted with Aylesfords in the sale for Trafalgar House Developments, says more than two-thirds of the block, due for completion next March, has been sold or reserved.

Several cars were blown off

winds yesterday. No one injured.

the trans-Pennine M62 motor-way near Hudder feld, by high

Cars blown off M62

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New compensation code for Northern Ireland proposed By Our Legal Correspondent tions could become the subject of a claim.

A proposed new code laying down the criteria to be applied in assessing compensation to be paid to people whose property is damaged by criminal acts in State for Northern Ireland Northern Ireland was published would become entitled to take

The draft order contains pro- as whether the applicant had cisions extending the ambit of made unlawful use of the pro-Criminal Injuries to Property (Compensation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1971, the existing legisation on the subject.

The proposed order would make compensation payable where damage was caused by any organization engaged in terrorism. Under the 1971 Act only damage done by officially proscribed terrorist organiza-

Fostering plan for the elderly

A scheme to provide foster-homes for elderly people was approved by Leeds Social Ser-vices Committee yesterday. The social services department said families willing to foster would receive training and advice. Leeds has a waiting list of 600 for places in permonent homes.

Assaults on boys by verger

James Abson, aged 42, head verger of St Albans Cathedral, lured choirboys to his caravan and indecently assaulted them, St Albans magistrates were told yesterday.
Mr Abson, of St Stephen's
Hill, St Albans, was fined 2600
after pleading guilty to three
charges of indecent assault.

Science report

Pollution: Lead and mental handicap

and conflicting dogmatic state-ments by experts there is still uncertainty about the importance to health of environmental lead pollution.

pollution.

The effects of chronic lead poisoning on adults are well known —anaemia, nerve damage and cholic—and safety levels have been agreed, for industry and for domestic water supplies. What is not yet certain is the effect on children of exposure to lead at levels that cause no obvious symptoms. smptoms. In particular there have been

several studies showing an apparent link between abnormally high amounts of lead in the environment and mental handicap in children. The latest study comes from Professor Abraham Caldhear's wife at Glacone comes from Professor Abraham Goldberg's unit at Glasgow University. Two years ago his team showed that there was more lead in the domestic water supply of the homes of mentally handicapped children than in the water in normal children's homes. They have now taken that investigation a step farther by carrying out

All children born in Scotland have a blood specimen taken soon after birth to exclude the possibility of a rare but serious congenital disease, phenylketonuria. The blood is spotted on a card for the test and the cards are stored.

Reference Caldbarts group

Professor Goldberg's group retrieved the cards of 30 of the mentally handicapped and normal children (now aged between 4 and 7 years). Tests on the lead content of those blood specimens showed that those from the bandicapped children contained slightly, but eignificantly many lead. but significantly, more lead.

The implication drawn is that there was a link between the children's mental handicap and the lead content of the water drunk by their mothers during preg-

by their mothers during preg-nancy.

The findings provide yet another piece in a jugaw that is still far from complete. Professor Goldberg believes that the high lead con-tent of the tap water in many

Glasgow houses may be one factor in some of the cases of mental retardation for which there is no other medical explanation. He other medical explanation. He points out that there are 1,700,000 households in Britain in which water left standing in the pipes at night, which becomes the first sample taken from the tap in the morning, contains more lead than the World Health Organization limit.

Other authorities are more cautious, pointing our that the studies linking lead with mental handicap have been mostly retrospective and that there is no clear connexion between the severty of mental handicap and the amounts of lead in the blood.

No one, however, will dispute Professor Goldberg's assertion that water supplies should not be contaminated with lead. In Glasgow, at least, the necessary changes are being made. By Our Medical Corresponden Source: The Lancet, April 2, 1977, p717.

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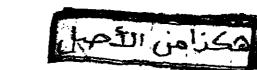
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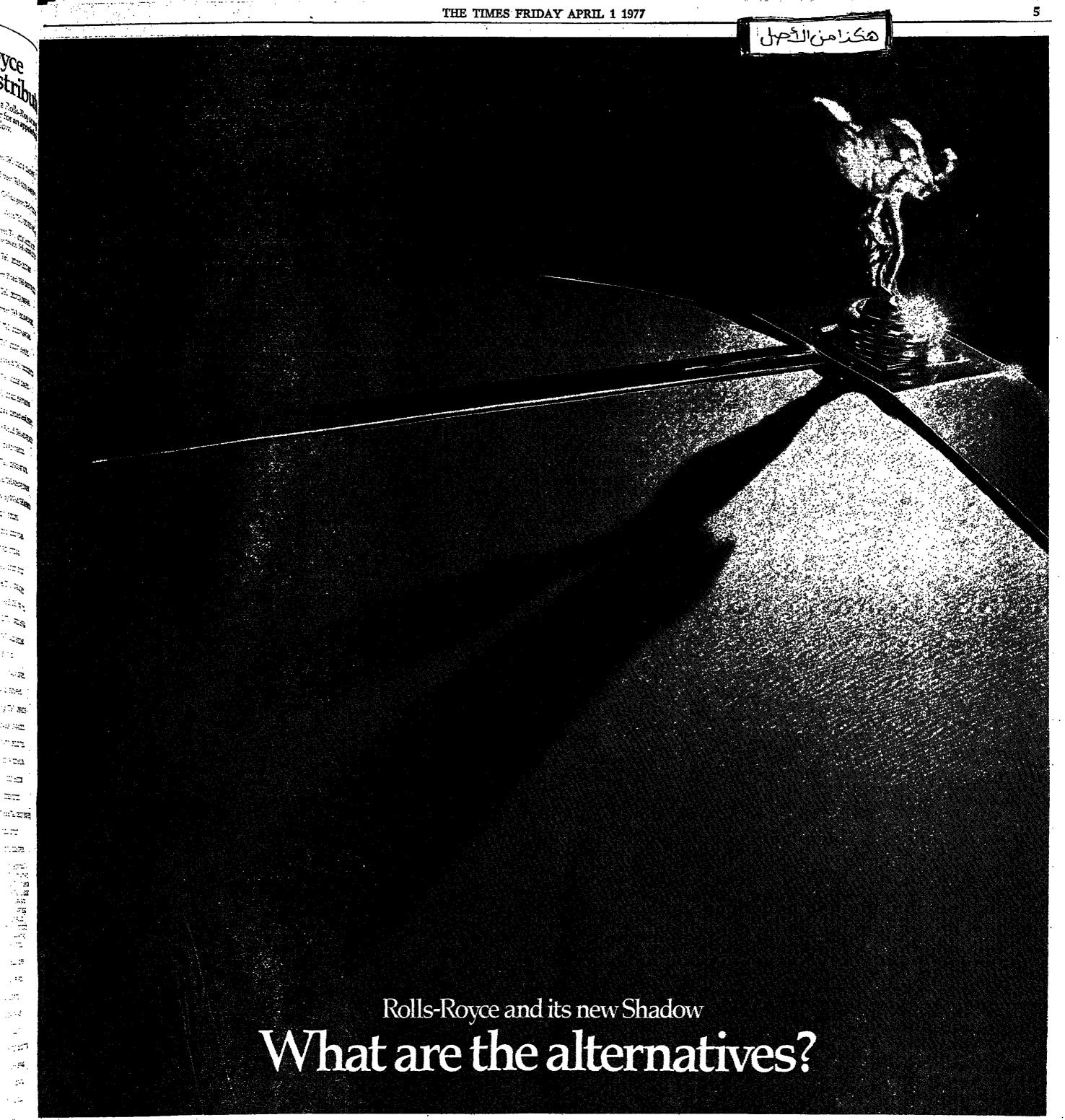
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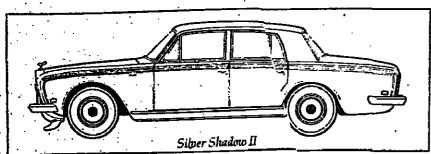






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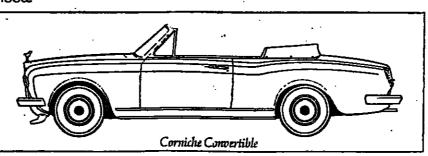


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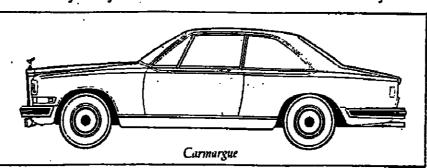
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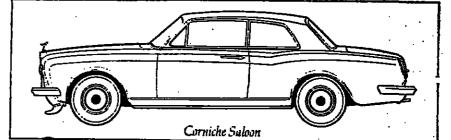


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Conservative MPs pursue Mr Callaghan in vain over Labour-Liberal agreement

Despite angry Conservative pro-tests, the Prime Minister declined tests, the Prime Minister declined to answer a number of questions relating to the Labour-Liberal pact. He said that he did not propose to discuss inter-party relations in the House.

During exchanges, Mr Michael Grylis (North-West Surrey, C) suggested the Prime Minister should make another broadcast because there was a lot of doubt in people's minds about the present farcical

minds about the present farcical situation over the entente cordiale between the Liberal and Socialist

what is (he asked) the joint executive committee? Is it a secret talking shop? Does it have executive powers? Will its minutes be published? What has it decided over the petrol tax? People want

Mr Callaghan—After my two broadcasts last week, which met with generally favourable recep-tions, I would be happy to take up further invitations.

Having watched the two Budget broadcasts—the excellent one given by the Chancellor and the feeble reply given last night—I am content to leave it to judgment feeble reply given last night—I am content to leave it to judgment between the two teams.

As for other matters which Mr Grylls reised, he has overlooked the answer I gave on this matter on Tuesday.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C)—If the Prime I am to to have been written by the Liberal Party at all. (Langhter.)

Did the Prime Minister know when he received this document from the Liberal leader that it was a photocopy of a memorandum written by a pressure group known as the "Outer Circle". (Renewed laughter.) Just who is kidding

Effects of

rejection

of a rise in

netrol tax

The Prime Minister was closely questioned about what would

happen if the Budget resolution to increase petrol duty was defeated

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C), said: Has he taken time to consider what would be the conse-

quences for those people who have

either sold petrol, or bought petrol, since Tuesday if the Budget

resolution were not passed on Monday evening? It is an impor-tant constitutional question. (Conservative cheers.)

I hope Mr Callaghan will make lear what consequences would

Mr James Callaghan-I will cer-

tainly consider that matter. We put

resolution before the House and

expect it to be carried. There

could be serious consequences if it

Mrs Thatcher—The Prime Minister, on his own admission, is head-

ing a minority Government. He must have taken time to consider this before the resolution came

hefore the House. We are in a Budget debate and he is First Lord

he not tell us. or is it he does not know? (Loud Conservative

Mr Callaghan—The position will be

considered on Monday, as for any other vote. When the Government

put a motion down, they expect and hope it will be carried.

Mr Norman Tebbit (Waltham

should know before it votes on the

For two days now, people have

been paying more on petrol and it may well be on Monday night that

the legislation will not be passed. Mr Callaghan must know the answer. Will he give it? (Conser-

Mr Callaghan—As soon as the Chancellor has finished his Budget statement and the Budget resolu-tions are put every year, this change takes place. It is always

ubject to ratification by the ilouse at the end of the debate. This is the normal process that will

he followed on this occasion.

(Conservative cheers.)

if he knows the answer, why will

of the Treasury.

flow from that decision.

Minister broadcasts on the Lib-Lab pact will be contradict the leader of the Liberal Party (Mr Steel) who suggested that one of the benefits is that we shall not be having nationalization of the banks and insurance companies. That was not in the Labour Party manifesto and therefore we would not have had it anyway in the present Parliament. Mr Callaghan—He has overlooked the answer I gave on Tuesday. (Conservative protests and cries of

During later questions on the responsibilities of the Patronage Secretary—the Government Chief Whip, Mr Michael Cocks, Answer ".)

Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet, East, C) asked. Is the Prime Minister not now feeling a little bit sorry for the Patromage Secretary who, like everyone else, seems to have been taken for a ride by the increasingly dubious nature of the Lib-Lab alliance? He himself has been had by one of the first fruits of this deal with the Liberals, namely the document submitted to him by the Liberals on the Liberal terms for devolution. It has today been discovered

Mr Jack Ashley (Stoke-on-Trent, South, Lab)—The indignation and south, 1207—the integration and anxiety expressed by the Conservative Party about the arrangements made by the Prime Minister with the Liberals, indicates that it is seriously damaging to them and good reason for continuing it, at any rate on a temporary basis.

Mr Callaghan—I do not intend to answer questions on inter-party relations of this nature at this box. Mr Peter Blaker (Blackpool, South, C)—The Prime Minister's

answers are not good enough, Will he please answer Mr Aitken's ques-There were Conservative cries of "Answer" as Mr Callaghan declined to respond.

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lah)—Many of us are not surprised if the Patronage Secretary becomes somewhat confused, because, for example, in Liverpool the Liberals seem to be much more concerned with an alliance with the concerned with an alliance with the Conservative Party against the Labour Party. (Laughter.) In this House, they seem to be more con-cerned with an agreement with the Labour Party against the Conservarive Party. Perhaps one day the Prime Minister might get a clear answer as to where the Liberals stand.

whom over this latest Liberal cock-up involving . . . (loud interrup-tions.)

Mr Callaghan—All this may be true, but I do not propose to discuss inter-party relations in this

Mr Neil Marten (Banbury, C) asked later: On the Lib-Lab alliance, when Mr Callaghan sees his ministerial colleagues later today, he should discuss the proposition that the leader of the Liberal Party (Mr Steel) should be invited as a fraternal delegate to the Labour Party Conference. (Loud Conservative cheers and laughter.)

Mr Callaghan declined to answer. Mr Canagnan declined to answer.

Mr Norman Lamont (Kingston upon Thames, C), on a point of order, said: I fully appreciate that the content of ministerial answers is not a matter for the Chair, but the Government have a deal—not a secret one, but a publicly arranged agreement—with the Liberal Party, amounced in this House. Government policies must be modified by that agreement Surely Mr Callage. that agreement. Surely Mr Callag han ought to auswer questions (Loud Conservative cheers.)

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas)—It is not for me to tell the Prime Minister what to answer. Mr Michael Mates (Petersfield, C) unsuccessfully sought an emer-gency debate on the persistent refusal of the Prime Minister to answer questions on the joint con-sultative committee with the Liberal Party which he announced in detail in his speech to the House

and debate on direct elections

Document

The White Paper on direct elections to the European Padiament will be published tomorrow (Friday), Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary, told Mr Roger Sims (Bromley, Chisiehurst, C).

Mr Sims—Can he assure the House Mr Sims—Can he assure the House we will have an opportunity to debate the White Paper soon after Easter and that that debate will certainly be followed by the Bill so that it can be enacted and the United Kingdom can keep its commitments to its EEC partners? Mr Rees—It is a good White Paper but I cannot give a commitment on the timing of the debate. Mr Max Madden (Sowerty, Lab)—Whether the debate is after Easter, Christmas or next year, will he convey to the Prime Minister that many of us believe that it is most important for there not only to be a free vote on the method of direct elections but also on the principle? (Some Labour cheers.)
Mr Rees—Yes, I can undertake that that message will be delivered. Mr William Whitelaw, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs

sition spokesman on home affairs (Pennith and Border, C)—Will he say how the Government intend to give the House the opportunity to vote on the electoral system to be adopted? Mr Rees—No, I cannot. A state-ment has already been made about what would happen in regard to the method of election.

In putting my mind to this mat-ter in some depth in recent weeks I have found it is a complicated matter, whether one wants to stick nature, whether one wants to stick to the existing system which has stood the test of 150 years or longer or move in another direction in making a change.

We ought to start the start of We ought to give deep con-sideration to it and not take a leap in the dark as has sometimes been done in electoral matters. Mr Whitelaw—There is no sugges

tion of taking a leap in the dark. Can he at least give an undertaking that an opportunity will be given to vote on the particular system, so that the House may express its choice in a vote before the Bill is published with the particular sys-tem laid down in it? Mr Rees—I cannot go further than was stated last week about the method of election.

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Mr Michael Foot, Lord President
of the Council and Leader of the
House (Ebbw Vale, Lab), said
later that a debate on European
Parliament direct elections was
expected to be arranged in the
week after the House returned
from the Easter recess (Tuesday,
April 19).

Next week

Business in the House of Commons will be: WILL DE:

MONDAY: Conclusion of Budget
debate. Motion on EEC document on
road transport.
TUESDAY: Debates on teacher training
colleges in Scotland and on case of Mr
Agec and Mr Hosenball. Greater London
Council (General Powers) Bill, second
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Feading.

WEDNESDAY: Debate on White Paper on sport and recreation.

THURSDAY: Advomment for the Easter recess until Tuesday. April 19,

Naval vessel ordered Mr John Gilbert, Minister of State for Defence, In a written reply, said an order had been placed today with Vosper Thornycroft (UK) Ltd to build the second of the Hunt class of glass reinforced plactic mine countermeasures wesplastic mine countermeasures yes-sels. The ship would be called HMS Ledbury.

Difficult issues in police pay claim

There was not much time left still open to the Police Federation hefore the moderate leaders of the Police Federation were replaced by those who would follow the bad example of other occupations and propose to take industrial action in order to pursue the police payclaims, Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C), said.

Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secre-tary, answering questions about the progress of the negotiations with the police, said Sir John Nightingale, chairman of the Police Council, had undertaken to exam-ine with the Police Federation and other interested parties means of settling the dispute. One meeting had taken place and another had been arranged. I very much hope (Mr Rees said) that these discussions will lead to a resolution of these difficult issues at a time when other organizations are putting their minds to Phase

three Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C)—The police feel that their dedication to duty is taken for granted and that this is a weightless factor in negotiations involving the social contract.

They feel the Home Secretary
has broken faith with them and all they got from the Prime Minister was jam tomorrow

Mr Rees—In 1975 at a time when the pay policy started the police were given 30 per cent instead of 56. That was done on the basis that the police needed special attention. Anyone who says to the contrary is flying in the face of the facts.

What has gone wrong since I became Home Secretary is that people have not attended the pro-Anyone who says to the contrary is flying in the face of the facts.

What has gone wrong since I became Home Secretary is that people have not attended the proper negotiating machinry.

Mr Robin Corby (Hemel Hempstead, Lab)—Can he confirm it is

Federation and the negotiating machinery.
We have discussed three forward commitments with them—all marglual I accept—and other matters concerning widows of police officers dying in service and com-We have promised a review of police negotiating machinery and an inquiry into the constitution of the federation. The police rent allowances are increased every two years. They are effectively not subyears. They are enecurery nor surject to tax.

Mr Jonathan Aitken (East Thanet, C)—It is unrealistic to indicate that there should be a return to the existing negotiating machinery which has failed. The initiative is firmly in the Home Secretary's and Prima Ministry's count

to come back to the general nego-tiating body to discuss ways of changing the negotiating procedure basis and also to talk about some

adjustment of fringe benefits?
Mr Rees—That is the case, I understand the problem of the Police

Prime Minister's court Mr Rees—The local authorities, who pay a substantial amount of the money for police pay, are not amused by the attitude that they should be left out of the negotiations—an arrangement which is laid down by statute. I understand the position of the Police Endage the position of the Police Federa-tion. Things are happening, but negotiations there must be. Mr Eldon Griffiths—The Home Secretary could settle the matter and ought to do so.

A latter day Portia after blood donors

Miss Janet Fookes (Plymouth, Drake, C) asked the Home Secre-tary to consider the possibility of requiring sultable offenders to become blood donors as part of the repayment of their debt to society. Mr Brynmor John, Minister of State, Home Office (Pontypridd, Lab)—No. Miss Fookes—Would he reconsider that? (Laughter.) Or would he at

least have it as an alternative under the community service order projects? Mr John—No. The voluntary donation of blood is a principle upon which the national transfu-sion service has been based. It is a principle we would not wish to

change. I notice that the latter day Portia has got the Merchant of Venice in reverse. The original was "flesh without blood". Miss Fookes wants "blood without flesh". wants "blo (Laughter.)

Debate refused on Mentmore

Mr Patrick Cormack (South-West Staffordshire, C) unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate on the future of Mentmore Towers and its sutstanding collection. He said it was an urgent matter because the Lord Rosebery's dead-line, after which arrangements for the sale would go ahead, was April 5—Tuesday of next week.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons Today at 11.00: Private members' motions on European Communities Act: transport policy and the commuter; and on problems of commuter areas.

House to discuss Mr Agee and Mr Hosenball House to discuss Mr Agee and VIT Hosendal the effect of refusing to pass that resolution would be—(Liberal interruptions)—I wish, if the Liberals having nothing to say, Liberals having nothing to say, leading to the council and Leader of the Council and Leader of the House (Ebbw Vale, Lab). House (Ebbw Vale, Lab), which are representations have those most the leader of the leader of the leader of the House of Lords? Mr Front—Of course the arrange Mr Front—Of course the arrange Mr Front—Of course the arrange Mr Front—Of course the arrange-

announced that a debate had been arranged on Mr Agee and Mr Hosenball on Tuesday.

Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham, West, Lab) asked, on a point of order, about the propriety of hav-ing a debate on the subject when it was known and fully expected that leave would be sought on Monday to go to the House of Lords and that the matter would then become

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas)—We shall look at the matter when notice has been given. It is not sub judice until notice has

cerned that representations have been made to the legal advisers for these two men that Parliament is anxious to have a debate on the matter. Parliament is anxious to see that justice is done and that we can debate the expudsion once legal proceedings are complete. Will Mr Foot take that into account? Mr Foot—I have. We have taken these questions into account. If the matter is ruled sub judice we shall have to make different arrange-

Mr Christopher Price—It would be undestrable if Parliament should

Mr Foot-Of course the arrangement of a debate is not intended, in any sense whatever, to bring any pressure on those involved in the case in any sense, but if we had not put the matter down for debate, put the matter down for debate, criticism might have come in the opposite direction

Earlier Mrs Andrey Wise (Coventry, South-West, Lab) asked the Home Secretary to give further thought to Mr Phillip Agee.

Would he make sure that he saw the original raw evidence rather than rely on secondhaud reports of his advisers? even appear to put pressure on the courts. Will Mr Foot confirm that the announcement of the debate is in a matter like this I do not rely

up in this House if I thought other-Mr Christopher Price—Could he reassure us that there will be no question of deportation until all

the legal procedures have been gone through, not only in the English courts but also in regard to the European Commission of Human Rights at Strasbourg? Mr Rees-I have tried carefully to allow this matter to go along while matters are being taken to the courts in this country. I shall bear all this in mind, and I have no wish not to allow that aspect of natural

International action needed Increasing role of EEC to improve safety at sea

Lord Oram, Lord in Waiting, moving the second reading of the Merchant Shipping (Safety Convention) Bill, said its object was to enable the United Kingdom to ratify the 1974 international constitution for the refere of 1974 and 1974 international content of the state of 1974 international contents.

ratify the 1974 international convention for the safety of life at sea. As Britain played a leading role in events leading up to the convention they should do all in their power to bring the convention into force as soon as possible by ratifying it through the passage of this Bill. To date four countries had ratified. Britain must not delay much longer. much longer.
Safety of life at sea was in its nature an international problem.
The Government attached great importance to the work of the importance to the work of the Inter-governmental Maritime Consultative Organization, the only United Nations specialist agency in this country. A sub-standard ship was a hazard to itself and to others whenever at the calling it that wherever it was sailing. It was imperative that steps to improve shipping safety should as far as possible be taken internationally through the cooperation of the world's shipping nations.

world's shipping nations.
Recent events such as the spate of tanker incidents off the coast of the United States had committed to a trend towards the unitateral regulation of shipping to the linited States and a number of bills wors hefore Converse which might were before Congress which might lead to the United States adopting safety standards at variance with international regulations.

If conventions of this sort were

not brought into force the trend towards unilateralism in these matters would grow. This would greatly compilicate the problems of the shipping industry of a major maritime country like Britain which set great store by international agreements and would be much handicapped by having to comply with a variety of national rules. rules.

Ratification by the United Kingdom would not in itself bring the convention into force but would help and permit them to take the initiative with other countries regarding ratification.

Lord Lyell, for the Opposition, said they welcomed the main purpose behind the Bill. It was to be hoped that ratification by the United Kingdom would encourage other markime nations to do like-

vise.

Nuclear power had a future on Nuclear power had a future on land and at sea. There were major problems, and, they hoped, tipy risks of radiation or pollution. He understood that a working party were looking at this problem and making considerable progress. It was pleasing that they were taking such an interest in this important aspect of safety such an interest in this important aspect of safety. The Earl of Inchcape (C), presi-dent of the General Council of British Sulpping, said British ship-owners welcomed the Bill.

The Bill was read a second time. The British Transport Docks Bill and City of London (Various Powers). Bill completed their remaining stages.

regional development fund

states with large regional prob-lems. But the net benefit for individual member states should not sideration.

necessarily be the overriding con-He had never believed in mone-tary union, as opposed to close cooperaton between monetary authorities, until a considerable degree of political and economic union had been achieved. Lord Elton (C), for the Opposition, said the Government did not pass on specifically the subventions from the fund to the projects to be aided but merely took them, as a reimbursement of their own original grant, directly into their own pocket.

This (he said) does little to stimulate outside investment because it cannot be courted on when the cannot be counted on when the investment decision is taken.

Lord Cobbold, opening a debate on greatly expanded role for the the EEC committee report on the regional development fund. regional development fund, said Lord Sherfield said he sometimes regional development fund, said that by 1978 the net benefit to the United Kingdom was expected to be about 9 per cent of the value of the fund if the present quota continued. It could disappear altogether if further enlargement of the Community brought in poorer states with large regional prob-Lord Transsere (C) said he doubted whether the European regional development fund with its present financial limits, principles and guidelines was an adequate tool for running a European regional policy. Under the quota system Ireland's percentage share of the cake was less than that of

West Germany. Lord McCluskey, Solicitor General for Scotland, said this week the Government had brought their problems to the attention of visiting members of the EEC regional policy committee who had seen United Kingdom areas worst affected by regional problems. The Government would like the fund to have a much greater im-pact, but they had to be realistic about the scope for this.

Our own national effort (he soid) in support of the assisted regions is so much larger that the main impact on regional problems is bound to come from what we do Lord Banks (L) said a great deal had to be done before they could hope to see economic and monetary union, but it was a proper objective to have and they must seek to arrive eventually at that position however long it might take. If they did there would be a Peer tells Government to pipe down on smoking

lights a pipe just as I am going to have lunch next to him, it is my liberty which is being interfered

with, not the smoker's.

Support for Mr Vance in talks with Russians

During questions to the Prime Minister. Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devon, L) said that when Mr Callaghan saw Mr Cyrus Vance following the disappoloting outcome of the strategic arms limitation talks in Mostow, he should assure him that this country would not wish President Carter to water down, retract, or retreat from his firm stand on human rights in firm stand on human rights in order to get some agreement on defence.

Although we are naturally dis-appointed (he said) that the Mos-

cow talks did not yield greater success, notwishstanding that we are 100 per cent behind the Presi-dent in his stand. Mr Callaghan—I am looking forward to hearing a report from Mr Vance on the Moscow telks. President Carter is aware of our support for his general stand on human rights and also he has made clear to me he does not wish the Belgrade Conference to be polemic in nature when it meets. in nature when it meets.

As regards the temporary breakdown, if that is the word, of the Salt talks, my own deduction would be, subject to hearing from would be, subject to hearing from Mr Vance, that it is costing the Soviet Union so much in resources that they will not rush into large new arms programmes on this matter out of pique or because they disagree with the President on any other matter.

I shall encourage Mr Vance to proceed in his current discussions when they are resumed in May with Mr Gromyko.

Mr Robin Corbett (Hemel Henu-

will Mr Gromyko.

Mr Robin Corbeit (Hemel Hempstead, Lab)—He should put the proposition to Mr Vance that it might make all the difference to progress it the Americana included the Cruise missile. Mr Callaghan-That has been a

serious dispute because the Ameri-cans have indicated to the Soviet Union that they believe the Back-fire bomber should be included in fire bomber should be included in any reduction in arms. This bargain has to be struck.

President Ford was in favour of including both of them in the agreement, but that does not seem to have been possible. It would not be right to ask the Americans to include the Cruise missile if the Russians did not do something in return.

General welcome for decision to go ahead with Nimrod early warning system: 6,000 extra jobs

The Government have decided to go ahead with the Nimrod air-borne early warning system, Mr Frederick Mulley, Secretary of State for Defence, announced in a statement.
Following the Nato ministerial meeting on March 25 (he said) the Government have given further consideration to their position on the provision of these aircraft to the provision of these aircraft to meet the requirements of the alliance. As I made clear at the meeting, we have aircady agreed to two postponements of the Nato decision which is urgently required if timely provision of airboune early warning cover for the Nato area is to be achieved.

We have maintained an alternative pritional development based on We have maintained an alternative national development based on the Ninrod aircraft as a fall-back option in case of failure by Nato to agree on a system for the whole alliance. This development has so far been funded at a low level, but if it is not to be delayed further a substantial increase in the rate of expanditure on it is now recessor. expenditure on it is now necessary. expenditure on it is now necessary.

In the light of the continued uncertainty about the procurement of the AWACS system by Nam, we have decided that we must now go ahead with the Niumod system, which, subject to the successful conclusion of the necessary contract negotiations, will now proceed to full development.

In taking this decision the ceed to full development.

In taking this decision the Government have taken full excount of the arguments put forward in Nato for further delay to enable outstanding questions on the procurement of the Boeing E3A AWACS aircraft to be further

studied.
Our decision to go ahead with Our decision to go ahead with Nimrod, however, will give the alliance an urgently needed and modern airborne early warning capability to replace the Shackle-tons now operating in the United Kingdom air defence region and in the Festern Allantic and Channel

Kingdom air defence region and in the Eastern Atlantic and Channel areas. Our decision does not exclude the possibility of a collective Nato solution to the requirement.

In developing the Nimrod system we shall aim to secure the maximum inter-operability and compaimum inter-operability and compa-tibility between Nimrod and what-

that a single Nato airborne early warning force, though it would be an ideal solution, is not the only way in which the airborne early warning requirement could be met.

We shall continue to work for arrangements which will secure maximum military effectiveness from the resources which the alliance eventually decides to devote to the airborne early warning task. devote to the airborne early warning task.

Mr Winston Churchill, an Opposition spokesman on defence (Stretford, C) welcomed Mr Mulley's statement. It is more than a fall back option (he said) it is a superb piece of British technology.

This will be welcomed by workers at Hawker Siddeley, and Marconi Elliott as well as the hundreds of subcontractors whose jobs are involved.

While we regret, as Mr Mulley does, the absence of a Nato decision—as we regard an alliance-wide airborne early warning system as a high priority—we believe Britain has loyally supported the Nato solution long enough and that we have been patient for sufficient time.

time.

We strongly support this decision which will provide much needed replacements for the sirborne early warming Stackletons, which are aged. It will support hundreds of high technology jobs in Britain and provide a continuing high mchapology in this field, which is unique in Europe.

How many Nimrods are to be funded? Will this involve the construction of any new aircraft or struction of any new sircraft or merely the modification of existing sircraft? Can Mr Mulley confirm that this force of British Nonrods will be fully inter-operable with any Nato airborne early warning concept which may later come into being? Mr Mulley-The number of air-

hir Minley—The number of aircraft we envisage is 11. In the first stage we have to develop the system, which has a good deal of work still to be done.

It does not require the building of new aircraft because we have Nimrod Mark 1s available for adaptation, and it will be a considerable adaptation. It will employ about 1.500 people for about five ever additional airborne early sherable anapparton. It will employ warning aircraft the alliance may seem and the subject of the performance of Nimsuggested to my Nato colleagues and the performance of Nimsuggested to my Nato colleagues are satisfied it will dis-

own national early warning system and we shall do all we can to make it totally inter-operable and make it contribute to the collective and it contribute to the collective and allience. Dr Maurice Miller (East Kilbride Lab)—This is a wise decision and one that Mr Mulley will not regret because this accurat can do every.

Children

thing the American aircraft can hour 7,000 jobs will be safe-guarded and the long-term technology involved will stand us in good stead for the future. Mr Mulley—One of the factors in making the decision is the confidence that has been shown in the aircraft by the firms concerned and by the workers in the firms. I have placed much reliance on the chains they make for its performance on the chains they make for its performance of the chains they make the chains they make the chains they make the chains they make the chains the chain the confidence that has been shown in the conf claims they make for its performance and the ability to do it for the cost they have quoted.

the cost they have quoted.

Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devon, L)—Will be confirm that the cost to this country will be no greater than if we had contributed to the Boeing project; that we are safeguarding 7,000 jobs as opposed to 400 at the most if we had joined the Americans subcontracting the work; and that technically the Nimrod project is far more in keeping with our coastal requirements than Boeing so that we gain three times round? Mir Mulley—As to cost it is impos-sible to give precise figures because we have to enter into conbecause we have to enter into con-tractual negotiations with firms. One difficulty with the AWACS project is that we are far from agreeing in Nato the division of cost. Over the whole range I expect the Nimrod may cost more than our share, had we been successful in genting one, in AWACS. On capability, the Nimrod being specifically designed for that performance, will have the additional capability over sea which could be made available in AWACS but which was not in its original design.

design. As to jobs one cannot be precise but I would not quarrel with he figures. There are about 5,000 to 6,000 jobs coming to this coming by the Nimrod programme which

Government now spending £400m a year to create extra jobs

State for Employment (Barrow-in-Furness, Lab), said when the debate on the Budget was resumed. it was a grave error to think that the current acceptance of 1,300,000 memployed would go on for long. It would be unwise not to recognize the risk they ran. It was the keystone of Government policy to obtain a return to full employnent. The most formidable was the unsatisfactory balance of payments position. They had to stop the fall in Britain's share of world trade and increase that share. The industrial strategy had that purpose and if it was success-ful, together with the hucome from North Sez oil, the balance of pay-

position would be trans-

In the short term the Government were introducing a number of additional measures to assist the considerable range of special schemes. The temporary employment subsidy scheme would be extended for a further year. A scheme would enable firms to make a further application to maintain the labour force.

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There would be £10 a week per redundancy notice withdrawn for a further six mouths, The gross cost would be £214m a year. In public expenditure terms there would be a considerable saving.

The small firms scheme would pay to firms with a labour force of 50 or less a subsidy in respect of each additional worker they took on. It would run as an experiment on. It would run as an experiment for six months in the special development areas. In was estimated that the funding for it of 53m could provide jobs for some additional 5.500 people. In seeking to introduce employ-

In seeking to introduce employ-ment measures they were exploring virgin territory. They were con-ducting a human laboratory experi-ment, finding which ideas would work and which would provide a of business, profits, magement

southon for specials themployment problems. No country had been successful in coming up with a single measure which would end the scourge of unemployment. The Government were spending £400m gross a year on the various measures and believed they would been the unemployment. measures and beneven they would keep the unemployment figure down—at the level they were now projecting—by at least 200,000 below what it would otherwise be. During the last few months the impact of the measures had been increasing and would reach a peak around Easter. During the last two months there had been a drop of 60,000 in the crude unemployment

Sir Keith Joseph, Opposition spokesman on industry (Leeds, North-East, C), said it seemed to the Opposition that the Government, offering a series of apologatic patches and cosmetics to the situation, had not got any vision on how to secure either prosperity or full employment. North Sea oil, the balance of payments position would be transformed in the 1980s.

During the next five years the Government expected the workforce to increase at a rate of at least 140,000 a year, partly as a result of the higher birthrate of the early 1960s, and partly as a result of the larger number of women seeking jobs.

In the two years from September, 1974, to September, 1976, employment fell by 400,000. Registered unemployment went up by \$00,000. That indicated the extent to which jobs had to be increased to reduce unemployment the Government ware introducing a number.

There were some good things in the Budget. The fact that the Chan-cellor had not reflated was good for the country, as was the fact that he had started to trim personal tax levels, even if at only went a small part of the way to undo the damage done in previous Budgers. The Government had still got

the Government nad sun gor their spending, borrowing and tax-ation far too high. That was bad for the country, as was the fact that the Chancellor had oot set for the year after this a further downare the monetary guideline down-ward monetary guideline

It could not be expected that the long economic decline of Britain, recently accelerated, could be put right by one Budget. The country was trapped in a cat's cradle of disincentive and car's cradic of disincentry and over-government, and this car's cradic could not be dispersed over-night. The Conservatives job, when they had responsibility, would be to remove obsicles to enterprise and effort.

What had contributed pove all

and ownership, decades and generations of propaganda based on fallacies, the overwhelming falon fallacies, the overwhelming fal-lacy being that the interests of the wage earner, menager and owner were in conflict one with the other. Largely because of socialist propaganda the country was envel-oped in an anti-enterprise climan, an anti-enterprise culture. The basic fact about the economy was not de-industrialization but de-enterprization. enterprization.

The prime need was the better use of existing investment. If the Government cond on protecting jobs (he said), they will dwindle because firms and industry will come to depend on subsidies, the strength of the economy will be sapped, and in capacity to meet the market will dwindle.

The only way to create jobs or for jobs to be created in for Government and business to look after consumers at home and abroad. Look after the consumers at home and abroad, and the job ar nome and acrosa, and me jobs will look after themselves. Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Wal-ton, Lab) said Sir Keith Joseph had given an old song, but then be

was an old singer. He had talked unmitigated rubbish.

I have never heard (he said) from any Opposition speaker in my life such ideological nonsense. No doubt for him the golden age was 1930, or 1887, or the turn of the century when unemployment was high. Britain was so great then that its people lived in poverty, were uneducated, workers lived in hovels, and children went without It was amazing that Labour had

It was amazing that Labour had a genius for giving handouts or hand-backs to the people and still ending up unpopular.

It is most remarkable (he said). I do not know how we do it. An ordinary commonsense lad would not do it. You have to be a graduate or a double first to be able to do this. do this. It is about time that we looked

It is about time that we looked at things somewhat differently. Why do we have to put the burden of 5.5p on perrol?

Mr Io Grimond (Orkney and Shetland, L) said he opposed the increase in the petrol tax. It might appear to some to be a tax on consumption, but it was a tax on production. It would hit the rural areas hard. It would put up the cost of agriculture and the retail trade and of local industries.

Motorists fleeced: Mr Ryman to rebel

Mr Douglas Hoyle (Nelson and Colne, Lab) said in many ways it was a timid Budget when the country ought to be going for an expansionist policy.

Mr Peter Walker (Worcester, C) said he hoped all MPs would support the Government's efforts to get a sensible incomes policy in Phase three. The tragedy was first their policies for the last three of savings investo was the result years made the achievement of that difficult.

Mr Robert Parry (Liverpool, Scotland Exchange, Lab) said the olding prices and unemployment had been killed for ever.

Mr Richard Lt. (Shoreham, C) said the higher cost of the last three of the such as three of the last three of savings investo was the result of earned income in the past. He saw no merit whever in perpetual forms of Government's success in selling gilt edged stock in recent months showed that the convention in maximon test.

Mr Richard Lt. (Shoreham, C) said the higher cost of the last three was greater stability in the financial markets. There was mode the financial markets. There was one of the public sector borrowing requirement less year was one of the public sector borrowing requirement less year was one of the public sector borrowing the reasons which led to the instability of the financial markets. There was difficult of the public sector borrowing requirement less year was one of the public sector borrowing the reasons which led to the instability of the financial market.

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The Government's strategy was financial markets. There was created the reasons which led to the reaso Sir John Eden (Bournemouth, West, C) said the higher cost of allow them toxpand and take on an extra work each, that would climinate theoresent level of unwest, C) san the night cost of motoring would more than offset the encouragement that any marginal reduction in taxes might give. There was no incentive to start or expand a business. employment Dr Oonagh McDonald (Thurrock, Lab) said the Chancellor should have realized the full starus of married women by ensuring—they completed, signed and return their own tax forms. The majority of married women were at work. married women were at work.

Mr Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton, South-West, C) said during the summer and autumn there would be competition for scarce resources and the Chancellor would have the unpleasant choice of allowing interest rates to rise or faving to printing further money.

employment

Mrs Margar Bain (East Dunbartonshire, St Nat) said the SNP were warm the Government that they were oking seriously at the overall indications of the Budget and unle they received guarantees on flous points they would seriously consider voting against the Gutmett on the whole-Budger of not just specific tems. Mr Keth Clarke, an Opposition spokes for industry (Rushcliffe, said the level of investment of falken last year and the forect increase—which might provide to optimistic—would take the left back only to that achieved in 19.

The Government's success in selling gilt edged stock in recent months showed that the conventional forms of Government securities were not as El-suited to the task of funding as some commentators had suggested. The Government believed that for the future the bulk of gilt sales would continue to be in such conventional forms. However, there might be market conditions in which there would be advantage in adding to the range of securities available to investors

of securities available to investors by issuing Government bonds at a rate of interest that was not fixed at the outset, but varied over its life, for example in relation to the Treasury bill rate. The Government had therefore decided to take certain preparatory steps to facilitate the issue of such bonds if and when it was considered there would be advantage in doing so.

The Bank of England would be having discussions with the Stock

and the would be advantage in the road fund licence to £50 was deplorable. In any event why should the owner of a find, which he was, have no pay the same rate as the owner of a find. Both and the owner of a find with which he was, have no pay the same rate as the owner of a find in any event why should the owner of a find the man are at a state owner of a find the owner of a find th

Peers who smoked pipes would strongly resist any interference with their pleasures, Lord Shinwell (Lab), who is 92 years old, said amid laughter after he had asked if the announcement by the Secretary of State for Social Services (Mr David Ennais), to prevent smoking in public places was intended to apply to pipe smokers. Lord Campbell of Croy (C)— Members of the Government should refrain from smoking pipes when they appear on television. restricted.

Lord Wells-Pestell, Lord in Waiting, had told him: The purpose of the initiative of the Secretary of the initiative of the Secretary of State is to create a clamate of opinion which regards non-smoking in enclosed public places as the norm and to reduce the missance of political atmosphere for those who do not smoke. For hoth reasons, the restriction should apply sons, the restriction should apply to all forms of smoking.

tious for ministers to make pro-nouncements like this when they know they have not the force of Our liberties nowadays are so few—(Conservative cheers)—that we object to their being further

Lord Shinwell-Is it not presump-

restricted.

He can take it from me, and I speak for many other peers, that any interference with pipe smokers—(laughter)—even among the pigeons in public places like Trafalgar Square, will be strongly resisted, even to the effect of interfering with the ambitious of Mr Callaghan and his friends when it comes to the text coneral election. comes to the next general election. (Further laughter.) Lord Wells-Pestell -I do not quite Lord Platt (lod)-When someone

know where to begin, (Laughter.)
It is the responsibility of Mr
Emals, and that of the Department
of Heatht and Social Security, to
concern itself with the heath of the people.

Half of adults are now nonsmokers—(cheers)—so adequate
provision should be made for
them. Research shows, too, that
smokers themselves feel there
should be restriction on smoking
in public places.

Lord Mackie of Benshie (L.)—Lord
Shinwell is the greatest example of
the benefits of pipe smoking to the
health of the nation.

Lord Wells-Pestell—There are peculiarities in every sphere. (Laughter.)

Lord Shinwell—Was this pro-nouncement considered by the Cabinet? Did they come to a deci-sion entiting the minister to pronounce thus? Lord Wells-Pestell-This has not the force of law. There is no intenthe force or law, I have is no insensition, certainly not at this stage, to introduce legislation.

The minister wishes to deal with this by persuasion and education. I believe this is not a Cabinet

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Operations cancelled Atrajo after porters strike at children's hospitals the Prime Minister, had bee made aware of the suspension the suspension to the su

Two London hospitals for children were seriously affected veterday by an industrial dispute involving porters and

Operations at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Hackney have been cancelled today. The Great Ormond Street Hospital also faces disruption. Clerical workers last night volunteered to man the Queen Elizabeth Hospital switchboard and a limited service was being maintained at the Great Ormond Street switchboard.

The stoppage came after three members of the National Union of Public Employees (Nupe) at Great Ormond Street had been suspended on full pay after refusing to obey an order. The union called our its members in both hospitals, demanding that the men should be reinstated.

The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) was called in yesterday and it is understood that an attempt to find a solution will be made

Medical staff have been forced to do porters' duties, such as wheeling patients to operating theatres, changing bed linen and collecting speci-

mens for laboratory tests. Mr Stephen Parsons, assistant secretary at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, said: "If there is a real emergency we may have trouble. The porters walked out without making any emergency arrangements: We had very short notice that they

were going."
Mr John Clark, branch secretary of the union, said last night that as chairman of the joint board of governors of the hospital, Mrs Callaghan, wife of

Man set up

raids on his

post office

From Our Correspondent

James Gammage, a sub-

stmaster at Hemel Hempstead,

Hertfordshire, set up raids on

his own post office, it was alleged at St Albans Crown

Court, Hertfordshire, yesterday.

In one of them, involving £12,000, the police found the safe empty and Mr Gammage

bound and gagged, it was stated.

tion said, after stealing his own money. Mr. Gammage locked bimself in the lavatory, broke

out and telephoned to the police.

An accomplice was caught after

one of the raids with the money in his possession. Mr Gammage

Mr Gammage, aged 29, of Heathbrow, Hemel Hempstead

Wingfield Way, South Ruislip, Greater London, pleaded guilty to the theft of £9,000 in cash and £3,000 in postal orders. Mr

Mr Peter Hunt, for the

Police chief wins

from newspaper

Mr Ronald Gregory, Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, received an apology and dam-ages in the Righ Court yester-

Mr Gregory had sued The Observer, Mr Donald Trelford.

its editor, and Mr Michael Nally, a reporter. The damages

they agreed to pay were not disclosed, but were said to be

Mr Michael Eady, for Mr Gregory, told Mr Justice Mel-ford Stevenson that the article, published on May 9 last year, was about National Front activi-ties in Professional Transferred

ties in Bradford. It referred to clashes between the police

and anti-fascist groups at a rally held in April.

Three workmen who un-earthed 52 silver coins from the

second and third centuries while laying a gas main at Kempston, near Bedford, have

Kempston, near Bedford, have been awarded £534 each after

clared the coins treasure trove.

coroner's inquest had de-

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a four-figure sum.

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an imitation firearm.

ad been acclaimed a hero for

In another raid, the prosecu-

St Albans

his action.

made aware of the suspension of the three men, but she had

done nothing to help. The dispute began when the men were told to get hospital records from the basement three inches deep in water. 'Ir is normally a job done on overtime pay, but the hospital said it would no longer be like that ". Mr Clark said.

Meanwhile, domestic staff in-volved in the Surrey hospitals' strike returned to work yesterday after agreeing to refer their dispute over duty rotas for 30 of them to an independent mediator. The mediator way named last night as Professor George Bain, director of Warwick University's industria

relations research unit. Two stoppages earlier in the day were settled after a few hours. The returning staff walked out of the Schiff Hospi-tal. Cobham, because of the attitude of other domestic staff who belong to another union and who worked normally throughout the strike.

At the Manor Hospital,

Epson, centre of the dispute, some domestics stopped work pending a full explanation of the agreement. Most of those involved were Spanish, and translations of the agreement were drawn up. -

Mr Michael Hargreave, chair man of the Surrey Area Health Authority, explained the deal vesterday to heads of depart-ment and nursing staff at three of the five hospitals involved. He appealed to workers to be patient and to give the agreement time to succeed.

Those involved in the pute were members of the Transport and General Workers' Union. Members of the Confed eration of Health Service Em-

From Christopher Walker

The Government will come

under pressure later this month

to introduce sweeping social

reforms to bring Northern Ire-

land's laws on homosexuality and divorce into line with those

in the rest of the United King-

I understand that two confi-

dential reports on possible changes will be presented to Mr

Mason, the Secretary of State,

in the next few weeks. Both have been prepared in the past

six months by an influential

government-sponsored body, the Standing Advisory Commission

on Human Rights, and will out-line the form the new laws

More Asian staff for child care proposed

By Diana Goddes Greater involvement of the coloured community and recruitment of more blacks and Asians at children's homes are among recommendations made Relations Commission on ways to cope with the needs of black and Asian children in care.

The report, published today, shows that although ethnic minorities form only 3.2 per cent of the population, black and Asian children account for about a third of those taken into care for reasons other than conflict with the law.

The report says there is a strung relationship between social deprivation and break-down of families. Children received into care come dispro-portionately from those areas with poverty, overcrowding and bad housing, and there is evidence that ethnic minority families are more likely than whites to live in such areas. Three quarters of West In-

dian women go out to work compared with less than half the indigenous female population, which often means chil-dren are left alone. The absence of relatives in Britain, who might look after the children, adds to the difficulty.

A high proportion of West
Indian families have no resi-Indian fami dent father.

Guidelines should be issued to local authorities on how to cope with the special needs of coloured children, the report says. In addition to recruiting more black staff, it recommends special training for staff at residential homes to develop an understanding of those needs. A Home from Home? Some Policy Considerations on Black Children in Residential Care (Community Relations Commis-sion, 15:16 Bedford Street, Lon-don, WC2).

Ulster homosexuality reform aim

ligious groups.

mendations will be acted on, in spite of objections from re-

Although much is made by lster "loyalists" of their

outside

Ulster "loyalists" of their links with Britain, it is not

Northern Ireland that homo-

sexual acts between consenting

adults in the province still carry a maximum penalty of life im-prisonment. Similar penalties in Britain were abolished 10 years

The operation of the law has

become increasingly controver-

sial in recent years, and last

month 22 charges against homo-

sexuals were dropped. A case of regional discrimination against the British Government

is being pursued at the Euro-pean Commission on Human

action to

The commission's reports were initially requested by the Government last July, after it likely to recommend to Mr became clear that Ulster was going to be ruled directly from Westminster for some time. It rest of Britain should be made is now believed that its recom to apply in Ulster.

recognized



Jubilee overture: The Junior Band of the Royal Marines marching in Guildhall Yard yesterday to open the City of London's silver jubilee celebrations. The band comprises 40 boys aged between 17 and 19 who have completed training at the Royal Marines School of Music at Deal, Kent.

Farm price

upsets NFU

Farmers' leaders told the

Government yesterday that

they were disappointed that it

had blocked agreement about

agricultural support prices for

the EEC. Sir Henry Plumb,

Parmers' Union, called for

common sense while it is still

not too late to avert disaster "

He led a group from his union, the Ulster Farmers' Union and the National Farmers' Union of Scotland to Mr Silkin, Minister of Agricul-

ture, Fisheries and Food. Mr

Silkin has blocked agreement

in Brussels about farm-support

prices and there will be no

decision until the end of

of the National

deadlock

By Our Agricultural

Correspondent

president

negotiate after election

By Christopher Warman

The London Liberal Party is

Billed as the first elected

representatives likely to vote themselves out of office, "GLC Abolitionist" candidates will take their place alongside more

familiar party ranks at the Greater London Council elec-

The campaign to abolish

"London's great white elephant" which, the abolition-

ists estimate, will cost nearly 12,000m this year to keep alive,

was launched yesterday by Mr Oliver Stutchbury, a former Labour alderman on the GLC.

He hopes to find candidates for all 92 constituencies by the registration deadline of April 13, although only six nomina-

rions have been confirmed to date, including his own in

Chelsea, "where I lived until

last August, when I was driven out by the rates".

Mr Stutchbury was moved

to disown his previous incarna-

tion by experiences as vicechairman of the GLC's policy

tions in May.

That possibility emerged yesterday when the party launched its manifesto for the GLC elec-tion at County Hall. Mrs Ruth Shaw, the campaign leader, one of the two Liberal members of the present council, and her

Their belief is that there will not be an overall majority and that they might then hold the balance of power. Mrs Shaw emphasized that they had not entered into any paots with

"We have been very careful to preserve our independ-ence. We have our own pro-gramme for London and that is what we want to see imple-mented. But we would be prepared to talk to the other parties and the result would depend on what approaches were made."

won in 1973, the first gained on "Switch over to the London Liberal Programme", aims at

Their attack on homeless-ness includes the establishment of a London-wide letting

Copying the Liberal experiment in Liverpool, they would also lease empty building land. They maintain that at least 10,000 council-owned acres of land is available for house building financed by local builders.

On transport, the Liberals

the Greater London Council debating support of London football teams-financial support-and having to rely on a centralized maintenance department to men council building

radiators outlying borough. The abolitionists' election tactics, issued from Individual House, Eastbourne, are suitably idiosyncratic: "There is no need to go through the ritual dances of the professional parties with canvassing, etc. The important thing is not to bother people: they are quite intelligent enough to make up

their own minds." The response of urged to reserve their tradielection, has apparently been favourable. But, win or lose on May 5. the GLC Abolitionists' bid for power will be short-lived. In the utopian even-tuality of their winning control, they will disappear and take the GLC with them.

London Liberals ready to

The 'great white elephant' hunters

Party that would like to abolish

1974 until his resignation from

the council. "I had stomached

the bureaucratic machine for

too long, and could no longer

The abolitionists' thesis is that the GLC constitutes a

redundant layer of government

between Whitehall and town ball, duplicating work that would be more efficiently and

cheaply performed by indivi-dual boroughs. "Britain's

malaise is overgovernment, and the GLC is filled with politi-cians and bureaucrats perform-

ing no useful purpose et great expense", Mr Stutchbury said.

The campaign's manifesto claims that each new GLC coun-

cil house puts £1,000 a year on the rate bill, that its unwieldy planning methods were embar-

rassingly exposed in the Greater

London development plan, and

har education in inner London

The result, they say, is bureaucracy run riot, with

lacks economies of scale.

cating it'

Local Government Correspondent

prepared to follow its Westminster counterpart and negotiate with either Labour or the Conservatives if the Greater London Council election on May 5 provides no overall control by one party.

colleagues were greeted at County Hall by Mr David Steel, the Liberal Party leader.

other parties.

First, however, the Liberals have to hold the two seats they the GLC by the party, and to win others. Their manifesto,

electorate of the need to cut out waste in money and resour-ces at the GLC, make it a strategic regional authority and hand over the "nity gritty" powers to the boroughs, and to bring the government of London closer to the people.

London is in himbo, they say with people moving out in droves. To maintain the present population level the priorities should be an immediate end to mass-municipalization, en-couragement for town and village communities to flourish

again, emphasis on keeping industry in London, and approval for dockland develop-

agency, leasing from private landlords on a fixed short-term basis, and then letting o those in greatest need, which com-pares with Labour's proposal for a municipal estate agency handling private as well as council housing needs.

propose a low flat-fare system. They would also allow free travel before 7.30 am to spread the peak load and would coord-inate bus, Tube and rail ser-

Corruption case man to be candidate

A former dustman who was dismissed last June after being fined on corruption charges at the Central Criminal Court has been chosen by Kensington Labour Party as its prospective candidate in the Greater London Council elections next month.

Mr Anthony Sweeney, aged 45, who led a five-week strike by dustmen in Kensington and Chelsea, replaces Alderman Paddy O'Connor, chairman of the GLC's single-homeless subcommittee, who was dropped after the showing of a television documentary, Goodbye, Longfellow Road.

Mr O'Connor, aged 60, failed to give an assurance that financial aid to a housing associa-tion referred to in the documentary would be stopped.

Probation for theft

Mr Jack Wood, former secre-tary of Lancashire County Cricket Club, of Stafford Road, Eccles, who had admitted the theft of £850 while employed by Swinton social service de-partment, was put on probation for two years at Manchester Crown Court yesterday.

Tower engines unsold

No firm offers had been received yesterday, the closing date for tenders, for two 1894 Tower Bridge engines which the Corporation of London is trying to sell for about £100,000.

Gordon Lawton, aged 33, of Murray Road, Northwood; and Vincent Klein, aged 30, of **Eurovision Song** | **Mother loses** Contest to be held next month

Gammage also pleaded guilty to three charges of false accounting and the theft of £5,772 from the post office. Mr Lawton also admitted possessing By Kenneth Gosling The Eurovision Song Contest is to go ahead five weeks later than planned as a result of an agreement calling off the dispute over regrading BBC television outside broadcast defence of Mr Gammage, said cameramen.

the offences arose because he got into financial difficulties. It will take place at Wembley on May 7. The BBC had been Mr Gammage was jailed for three years, and Mr Klein and unable to guarantee transmis-sion tomorrow, the advertised date, because of the dispute in-Mr Lawton were jailed for one volving members of the Asso-ciation of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs.

Angela Rippon, the news reader, will still compere the 18-nation contest, which will be transmitted live to 50 million people throughout Europe.

The cameramen's dispute, which is over £3 a week, will go to a tribunal of an indepen-dent chairman and a represen-tative from each of the two sides. The union has agreed to take no further "lightning" day over a newspaper article that suggested that the Home Secretary had been asked to reprimand him. strike action.

Both sides will consider the advice given by the tribunal. the BBC said yesterday, and may amend it by mutual consent within a month. Otherwise they will agree to the tribunal's advice being implemented.

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Crown Agent man for trial

Bernard Wheatley, aged 47, the former money market manager to the Crown Agents, of Aston Clinton Road, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, was committed on ball of £15.000 for trial at Central Criminal Court from Bow Street Magistrares' from Bow Street Magistrates Court yesterday on four cor-ruption charges involving more than £1.5m.

Four years for attackers of old woman

Lord

Reform

get back son A mother's attempt to win back her son, aged 12, from the family friend who had raised and eventually adopted him was blocked by Mr Justice Latey in the Family Division of the High Court yesterday.
The boy's Irish parents had consented to his adoption by

imprisonment. the benefactor who, five years earlier, had brought him to England and became both father and tutor to him. Then the natural father, a drunken, aggressive man, died and his widow came to England to become the adopter's house-keeper, the judge said. Their relationship soured and she went to live in Switzerland. She had now issued a wardship summons seeking care and control of the boy
The mother's summons was

On divorce, none of the far-

reaching reforms introduced in

Britain in 1971 applies to Nor-

thern Ireland. That means that

a matrimonial offence of cruelty, adultery or desertion still has to be proved before a

Lord Dunleath has put for

ward a private member's Bill in the House of Lords to elimin-

ate the anomalies and bring the

law into line with the rest of the United Kingdom. Now that

it has passed its second reading it stands virtually no chance of

reaching the statute book with-

standing commission's recom-

mendations that some changes

should be made, one alterna-

tive open would be to adopt Lord Dunleath's Divorce

Bill. A final decision will be taken after both confidential reports have been formally

(Northern Ireland)

If Mr Mason accepts the

out government support.

marriage can be dissolved.

Two unemployed men who ook part in an artack on an elderly, partially sighted woman who lived alone were both sentenced by Judge Geraint Rees at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to four years'

John Anthony Tracey, aged 20, and Edmond Joseph Flanagan, aged 19, both of Frampton Street, Paddington, London, were found guilty of robbing Miss Rose Woods, aged 70, of money from her meters and a transistor radio at her flat in Hatton Street, Paddington, last April Jacqueline Salmon, aged 19, of Hall Place, Paddington, was also found guilty of the robbery. She was remanded in for social inquiry castoda

Students vote to uphold ban on 'fascist' speakers

From Judith: Judd, of The Times Higher Education

Blackpool The National Union of Students voted yesterday to uphold its policy of stopping "fascists and racialists" from speaking

at colleges.
Its conference in Blackpool rejected by 182,330 votes to 154,033 advice from the executive to change a policy of denying a platform to "fascists", which has been held by the

union since June, 1974.
The executive argued that the policy of "no platform" had policy of made it harder to mobilize stu-dents against racialism and fascism. It said the conference should adopt a policy of "no invitation", urging students not to invite fascist speakers but to refrain from disrupting meetings that might take place.

The present policy stops short of violence but supports physical prevention of meetings addressed by such speakers by pickets or occupations.

Mr Charles Clarke, the president, said after the debate that keeping speakers out was not a priority in the union's fight against racism.

Mr Michael Forsyth, chairman of the Federation of Conservative Students, said the executive's policy was still a fundamental denial of free

The conference rejected two earlier amendments demanding a denial of a platform to

fascists. Mr Steven Moon, the only Conservative member of the executive, said the "no platform " policy helped to encour-age race hatred.

growth of universities' Universities and polytechnics of the appropriate government may risk being run down like colleges of education because of the declining birth rate, the Conference of University Administrators says.

In a report on predicting higher education numbers, pre-sented at the body's annual conference in Swansea today, it

says the 18-year-old age group will fall by almost a third between 1982 and 1995. The nation's needs for more doctors, lawyers, architects, engineers and social workers, some of the most buoyant areas of demand in universities, may

decline like that for teachers.

The report, by a group of 14 chaired by Mr M. L. Shattock, academic registrar of Warwick University, urges universities and polytechnics to think about the prospect now

It calls for a joint committee

departments and all parts of higher education to monitor statistics on demand for higher

education. Interim Report on Student Num bers by the Conference of University Administrators (from Mr M. G. Paulson-Ellis, secretary (academic administration), University of Strathclyde, George Street, Glasgow GI IXW,

Into the 1980s

today.

Falling birth rate 'may halt

Frances Gibb reports on the effect of the falling birth rate on the universities in the 1980s; Heinz Lubasz discusses the influence of Aristotle on Marx; and John Dunn reviews Melvin Lasky's Utopia and Revolution, all in The Times Higher Education Supplement

face the same discrimination as

Monkeys at the seaside

What can be more innocent than splashing about at the seaside? We humans call it fun. But what is it when monkeys do it? Do they have a sense of fun, too? Or is such behaviour designed to fulfil a more serious purpose? For a fascinating discussion of these questions read Carol Berman in this week's New Scientist. On the undisturbed island colony of Cayo Santiago, Puerto Rico, she has been paying close attention to the way uninhibited rhesus monkeys play in the sea. Like ourselves they fool about, paddle, splash, jump, and dive from handy trees.

New Scientist this week also celebrates the centenary of the Royal Institute of Chemistry; features a bold attack on the Third World marketing methods of a well-known drug company; analyses perceptual bias in science; describes a crucial "bench - top" experiment in particle physics; and recounts some strange goings on

newscientist

Every Thursday 30p

Accusations about colour prejudice in the theatre Dame Peggy Ashcroft yester-day spoke in support of an allegation of colour prejudice in the theatre.

difficult to break down."

Mr Archie Pool, the group leader, said: "Black performers

foundations, theatre managers and backers, was made by four black emertainers. Their group, Radical Alliance of Poets and Players, received a minority managers—official and on the Players, received a minority manage rights group award at the fringe Dame Peggy commented:
There is a measure of pre-National Theatre in London. Dame Peggy, who presented the £250 prize, said : "The claim there is a small group in the theatre who are passionately concerned it should not be like does not surprise, but it distresses me. I am sure there is truth in what they say, but I concerbink they have also a built-in that:

Tenerife inquiry into 'TV at air control'

From Harry Debelius

March 31 Mr William Haley, head of the United States team investi gating last Sunday's air disas-ter here, said today that his in-vestigators "intend to check out" a report that there might have been a television set in the control tower at Los Rodeos

airport. At an airport news conference he was asked: "Can you comment on a report that there was a TV set in the control tower and that the Spanish controllers were watching a foot-ball game at the time of the accident?"

Mr Haley replied: "I have

heard of that rumour. We have no information or no basis in fact that that was the circum-

Mr Haley was then asked:
"Does that mean there was no
TV set in the control tower?"
He replied: "We have no information to establish that. We intend to check it out as a matter of routine."

ter of routine.

More than 570 people were killed in the disaster, when a KLM Boeing 747 jumbo jet collided on the runway with a Pan

The black boxes and tapes recording the events that led up to the crash left here today on board a Spanish military aircraft, bound for Washington via

Mr Haley said that the flight recorders and cockpit recordings from both aircraft, as well as the control tower recordings, were all on board and would be flown to poard and would be flown to were in the tower at the time Washington in the custody of a Spanish official.



Mr Victor Grubbs, pilot of the Pan American jumbo jet in the Tenerife air disaster, recuperating at an army hospital in Fort Dix, New Jersey.

"read out" of the tapes and data recorders, he said, would begin next Monday at 10.30 Washington time in the presence of representatives of Spain, the Netherlands and the United States and of the Pan American and KLM airlines. Pan American and KLM flight crews would also be asked to attend the session to help identify the voices on the tapes and to explain their understanding of certain communications be-tween the control tower and the Mr Haley said that the

Spanish traffic controllers, who

various investigating teams about their understanding of the messages exchanged between pilots and controllers, the taxi-ways, taxi-way lighting. the weather and their under-standing of take-off clearance.

Another source, who is in a position to know what went on at the meeting of the investigating committees, told The Times that the controllers had also been asked if they had been momentarily distracted by anything at the time of the crash. The controllers are said to have told the investigators that there were no distractions but that visibility was limited. Amsterdam: KLM called on the Spanish civil aviation

authority today to repudiate press reports that blame the disaster on the veteran Dutch pilot of their aircraft.

A spokesman said: "We are very distressed by these reports which are nothing more than

A Dutch investigator reported that according to a check made of control tower recordings, the KLM pilot, Captain Veldhui van Zanten, began take off wirhout getting final clearance from the tower. The investi-gator added, however, that more information was needed before blame could be apportioned for the disaster. His caution has been omitted in

Munich court jails hijacker

Rudolf Becvar, a 26-year-old

Mr Becvar, who used a subnachinegun to force the pilot

Although there was thing quite genuine" in his freedom, the yearning for freedom, the court ruled that his ideas of reedom must be "rather nebulous" if he thought he could gain freedom by depriving the 105 passengers of theirs.

Dr Kaunda accuses West of helping | Mr Vance spread of communist influence in Africa by 'siding with racists',

From Nicholas Ashford

OVERSEAS,

Lusaka, March 31 President Kaunda of Zambia today made a strong and at times emotional strack on Britain and other Western nations for their failure to end nations for their failure to end white minority rule in Rhodesia, Namibia (South-west Africa) and South Africa. In an interwiew with The Times he said that if the West was now concerned about the spread of communist influence in southern Africa it had only itself to blame. have friends in all parts of the

President Kaunda was speaking less than two days after President Podgorny of the Soviet Union had ended a state visit to Zambia, the first by a Soviet leader to southern Africa.

Arrica.

The Zambian leader also rejected the proposals by Bishop Abel Muzorewa, leader of the United African National Council (UANC) for a referendum in Rhodesia; totally rejected the Turnhalle conference on the future of Namibia; and makel our any possibility and ruled out any possibility of another meeting between him and Mr Vorster, the South African leader, to try to resolve the problems of southern Africa.

The president said the task facing Zambia and the other from line states was clear. It was to continue the armed struggle in Rhodesia and struggle in Rhodesia and Namibia and against apartheid in South Africa.

"If it is a choice between peace in slavery and armed conflict then we will choose armed conflict until genuine peace is established." Rundreds of thousands of lives would be lost in the approaching con-flagration unless a miracle Elagration happened.

visit to southern Africa by Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, to produce such a miracle.

Mr Owen was welcome to come and talk. However, experience had shown that the only

It was clear that Dr Kaunda

did not expect the forthcoming

Fighting.

He added that he did not munists in Malaya and Eoka in bring any new peace proposals.

Speaking slowly and deliber
The British had fought the munists in Malaya and Eoka in Cyprus. Why was it not possible for the British Government

Speaking slowly and deliber-ziely, Dr Kamda said it was "childish" of the West to sug-gest that by playing host to President Podgorny and Dr Castro, the Cuban leader, Afri-can committees were opening themselves to communist; infin themseives to communist influence. Zambia was proud of being non-affened and wanted to

"If the West is afraid that ie visits of President Podthe gorny and Dr Castro are going to end up in southern Africa being communist-influenced, it is the West that is to blame. He had been warning the West since 1966 of the dangers of a racial configuration, company that the same of the dangers of the or a racial consignation, com-pounded by an ideological con-flict between East and West, developing in southern Africa if the West did not remove the remaining "shackles of facism and imperialism, colonialism and neo-colonialism and racism".

The President pointed out that during the wars against the Portuguese in Mozambique and Angola the nationalists had to turn to the eastern block for arms. "The West not only refused to support us, they even refused to remove the cause

But the West had sided with the

of the conflict. "So what are you doing now, you people in the West? You are trying to remove the effect before removing the cause. To think of communism now is to think of the effect and not the cause. Why are President Podgorny and President Castro receiving such a hero's wel-come? Because the masses of the people of southern Africa realize that the Western countries are exploiters who are only interested in wealth and natural resources. It is the people of the Eastern countries who are

supporting them" time Mr Smith, the Rhodesian
leader, had shown any signs of
movement was when the armed
struggle was intensified. So Dr
Owen's visit notwithstanding,

supporting them ".

What, then, did President
Kaunda hope the West might
do now? It was simple, he
replied. "Remove Smith from
power. Remove apartheid.

to remove a rebel government in Rhodesia?

Dr. Kaunda was particularly batter about four Western off companies—BP/Shell, Calter, Mobil and Total—which he claimed continued to supply war grachine " functioning Zambia was thinking of taking these companies to court be-cause the West would not do anything to stop them. Africans were not fighting for the love of it but to force Mr Smith to talks. "If Mr Smith is ready to talk peace today, based on freedom and in-

dependence and instice for everybody, we will put down those erms." He defended the frontline states' decision to give exclu-Front at the expense of other Rhodesian mationalist groups He did not expect this to create immediate unity, but once Zapu and Zaou were fully united under the Patrionic Front they would be able to resolve their political differences and the

pointed differences and the way would be open for other organizations to join them.

"The idea of holding a referendum in Rhodesia before independence was nonsense. The first thing is to get independence, then you can elect leaders."

Mapato: President Podgorny today marked the end of his visit to Mozambique by announcing that the two countries had concluded a treaty of friendship and cooperation. The only other black African states to have signed such treaties with the Soviet Union are Somalia and Mozembique. Mr Podgorny returns to Tan-

Algiers: Dr Castro arrived in Algiers from Angola today and said: "I have been able to evaluate the possibilities of a long and protracted liberation struggle, which can only be victorious."—AP.

briefs London on arms talks

By David Spanier iplomatic Correspondent
Mr Cyrus Vance, the United
tates Secretary of State, gave
for Callaghan, the Prime

Minister, a report on his takes in Moscow, when he arrived in London last night.

Today Mr Vance will see Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, and join him at a working lunch, before flying on in

The principal topic discussed at Downing Street was the Soviet Union's somewhat discouraging attitude on arms control in his meeting at the Foreign Office today, Mr Vance will be more concerned to review prospects in southern Africa, before Dr Owen's visit to the area.

Herr Willy Brandt, the president of the Socialist Inter-

national, said yesterday that he was "not pessimistic" about the future of strategic arms limitation talks between the United States and the Soviet Union. Speaking after a meeting of the Socialist International's

bureau in London, he said that his guess was that both coun-tries would be arying to find a solution before the autumn. He was also hopeful about pro-He was also hopered good pro-gress on détente.
Gretel Spitzer writes from
Bonn: After four hours of
discussions with Mr Vance,
Herr Schanidt, the West Ger-man Chencellor, said that it
was wrong to speak of a
"breakdown" of American-Soviet talks on arms control.
"Our American friends "Our American friends as

well as the Russians are of the opinion that this is by no means the end of the road", he told Herr Schmidt referred to the agreement to set up working groups that would review a number of outstanding prob-lems. He believed that the United States and the entire Western world as well as the Soviet Union desire in their

own interest to achieve a new

agreement on arms control

But a single meeting could not

be expected to lead to tangible

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Commission to prevent further sales of subsidized butter to Russia

Brussels, March 31

Appropriate measures with the European export deal up to at least five commission to prevent the subsidized sale to the Soviet Union or other East European countries of any "substantial new quantities of butter", it prices are at present about a was announced here today.

The announcement came in

response to reports that Moscow is negotiating with West German suppliers for delivery of between 30,000 and 35,000 tonnes of butter. A Commis-sion spokesman confirmed that the Russians are in the market for further supplies.

If any applications for export subsidies to finance sales of this order to East Europe were received, they would be refused, the spokes-

He added: "This would be in line with the decision in early March that no such subsidies would be authorized for sales to East Europe for the foreseeable future.

Baader-Meinhof

Bugging in Stammheim prison was forbidden today by Herr Eberhard Foth, the pre-siding judge at the trial of suspected Jeaders of the

Bazder-Meinhof terrorist group.

Justice of Baden-Württemberg

read in court today, he stated that his ruling had priority over all other considerations

including measures about the

prevention of crimes. Herr Foth said that he

would take the necessary pre-cautions to see that the order

was being enforced. In answer

to questions by the defence he said that this also applied to

Some of the defendants and

their sympathizers held in Stammheim and Hamburg, were today continuing their hunger strike began on Tues-

day in protest against the con-ditions of detention.

In a letter to the Ministry of

judge bans

bugging at jail

From Our Correspondent

Without the subsidy it would The Commission does not not be possible to sell butter dispute that subsidized export on the world market, where prices are at present about a third of the EEC level.

of the European Commission, ran into criticism earlier this month for alleged discrimina-tion in suspending the pre-fixing facility for traders wishing to sell surplus butter to East

ternal and external markets in the disposal of surplus butter. Mr Jenkins and Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the Commissioner for Agriculture, argue that after the granting in Feb-ruary of pre-fixed subsidies for

The Socialists today put

down a parliamentary question demanding that the Minister of Justice should explain what

steps the Government intended to take in the case of an 18-year-old girl kidnapped last night in Rome and disfigured

by youths who she claims were among a group which had raped her last summer.

The girl. Claudia Caputi. was

raped last August by 16 youths.

Seven of the 16 were arrested and their trial opened on Satur-

At the trial she demanded

the reporting restrictions be lifted and revealed that she had

been threatened with death by the families of the arrested

men if she did not withdraw the rape charges.
Yesterday she recorded an interview for television about

her experiences. Her lawver

rom Michael Hornsby ing "system, a trader is butter to the Soviet Union at a russels, March 31 guaranteed the level of subsidy cost of £33m to the EEC tax-Appropriate measures will he will receive on a future payer, no further sales to that quarter are warranted for the

> sales are the cheapest way of disposing of surplus botter, which now amounts to about Mr Roy Jenkins, the president 170,000 tonnes. But it maintains that it is politically indefensible to deprive the Community's own consumes of the possibility of cheaper supplies.

Traders can still obtain subsidies to finance sales to the The Commission contends to take the risk that the reveal to take the risk that the reveal that its purpose it not to discontinuous to take the risk that the reveal that its purpose it not to discontinuous to take the risk that the reveal that its purpose it not to discontinuous to take the risk that the reveal that its purpose it not to discontinuous to take the risk that the reveal that its purpose it not to take the risk that the reveal that the reveal that the reveal that the reveal the reveal that t that its purpose it not to discriminate between different destinations but to strike a delivery. more even balance between in-

Brussels. March 31.—The Commission announced tonight that it was suspending its entire system of butter export rebates for three days from tomorrow to give it time to introduce a system of export Under the EEC's "prefix the export of 36,000 tomes of licences.-Reuter.

Rome attack on rape test case girl

of Czech plane

From Our Correspondent Bonn, March 31

Czech labourer, was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment by a Munich court today for hijacking a Czechoslovak air liner and detaining its passengers against their will.

of a CSA airliner to fly to Munich last October, had not been the victim of such grave political persecution, in the court's opinion, as to justify his extreme action. Although there was

Mr Becvar said that he hijacked the airliner because he was denied permission to leave Czechoslovakia legally.

some versions, raped again.

She is now in hospital, where

she is expected to stay for two weeks.

Rome, March 31.—Signorina Caputi has become, with the encouragement of Women's Liberation groups, the centre of a national test case on rape.

In Italy, many rape victims prefer not to bring charges so

as to avoid humiliating interro-

gations about their past sex lives and insinuations that they

Women's Liberation groups

bave called a mass demonstra

tion for tonight to protest against the attack on Signorina Caputi, which they fear will dis-courage other women from re-

A spokesman said: "If the police don't catch these crimi-

nals we will go and get them

encouraged the men.

porring rape cases.

ourselves."

NZ policy on sporting links Smith forces suffer biggest with S Africa defended United Nations resolutions; of

By Roger Berthoud Mr Robert Muldoon, the New Zealand Prime Minister, yester-day defended his Government's policy on sporting contacts with South Africa with characteristic robustness.

Mr Muldoon's long talk with Mr Callaghan on Wednesday evening, and a subsequent dinner at 10 Downing St, did not appear to have greatly softened his attitude. But addressing a Foreign Press Association luncheon yesterday, he laid emphasis on his Government's abborrence of apart-heid, and its pride in New Zealand's record in support of human rights.

Mr Callaghan is concerned lest the conference of Common-wealth heads of government in London in June should be side-tracked by this issue. New Zealanders lived in an isolated part of the world, Mr Muldoon said, and cherished the freedom to travel and

receive visitors from overseas. Any government interference with the freedom to take part in sport would be a significant extension of state power.

But the Government was

ready to give advice, remind-ing those concerned of its abhorrence of the "policy and practices of apartheid in all its manifestations, including the selection of sports teams"; of the will of the international community as expressed in

Greeks propose

bi-regional

Cyprus state

the interests of other sporting bodies; and of the effect of any decision on the national "Since the Olympic Games

there have been no significant sporting exchanges between South Africa and New Zealand; and my reading of the situation suggests that public opinion in New Zealand has moved to a point where there will be none in the future, or at least until "We have made it clear

time and again . . that we consider apartheid as the very antithesis of our own system of racial cooperation, and that we want to see brought to an end." Anything less than totally integrated sport could only be seen as a subterfuge by South Africa to ger the best of both worlds.
Mr Muldoon, whose National
Party came to power in November, 1975, agreed with a ques-tioner that he would find it "repulsive" to site down at the same table as President Amin of Uganda at the Common-wealth conference. And he thought that the British Government was under no obligation to let "that man" come to

Britain. "As far as I am concerned it would be abhorrent if he were in any way associated with the silver jubilee of our

Israeli courts

bar defender of

Arab prisoners From Our Own Correspondent Jerusalem, March 31 Vienna, March 31.—Greek Cyprint negotiators today offered the Turkish community Jerusalem, March 31
Mrs Felicia Langer, whose defence of Arab prisoners before military courts has made her internationally known, has been barred from appearing on behalf of accused soldiers and conscientious objectors because of her political contacts with representin Cyprus a separate region in a federal state, but on a scale considerably smaller than the Turks now hold.

Turkish officials at the resumed Cyprus talks in Vienna cabled details to Nicosia, but they withheld comment on the plan, the Greek ical contacts with represent-atives of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Mrs Langer, community's first detailed offer of a bi-regional solution to end 13 years of staife. who says the decision is tanta-mount to calling her a spy, intends to contest it in the Israel High Court.

Describing herself as a patriotic Israeli citizen, she Mr Umit Onan, the Torkish-Cypriot envoy, promised to give

said it was without precedent for an advocate to be denied professional rights because of political activities.

monthly death toll From Michael Knipe Mozambique border had been

Rhodesian Government forces suffered their highest monthly losses so far in March with 29 troops dying in action against African maximatist guerrillas.

The ratio of deaths, the Rhodesiens claim, was six guerrillas for every soldier, although they say the overall ratio remains 11 to one.

The heavy rainy season, now drawing to a close, has ham-pered Government forces by obliterating the tracks of the guerrillas and hindering troop movements. As the weather changes and the insurgents are sources predict that the security forces will become more

effective.

It is believed in some quarters, however, that there may

Secretary.

A military communique today
said that Vila Salazar on the

Culties as a result of accepting all refugees from Rhodesia and South Africa.

subjected to mortar, rocket and small arms fire from Mozambique on six occasions in the past 19 days. There were to casualties or damage. Our New York Correspondent

writes: There has been a sharp increase over the past year in border incidents between Rhodesia and Botswana, a United Nations report stated today. The authors, a committee sent to Botswana after a complaint to the United Nations last year, said they had seen

evidence of destruction on the Botswana side of the horder. Botswana will need more than \$50m (about £29.5m) over three years to deal with the crisis, of more than half for reinforcing the police mobile mit, be an increase in guerrilla Botswana's only military force, activity to coincide with the forthcoming visit to southern

Africa of Dr Owen, the Foreign runing into economic diffi-

Attempts at UN to avoid showdown over apartheid

From Our Own Correspondent New York, March 31 African countries and the West over South Africa. The Africans were pressing for tough measures against South Africa, but Western delegates were hoping that they would not insist on a vote which would probably oblige Western countries to use their vetoes.

their veroes.

The West's main argument was that at a time when the

The five countries would Nations.

then ask the South African Government to make a commit-New efforts were under way ment to end apartheid, grant at the United Nations today to avoid a showdown between the African countries and the West

Such an approach, western delegates believe, would be more effective in bringing about change than a clash in New York over the African draft resolutions. The four African resolutions

call for a mandatory arms em-bargo against South Africa, a declaration that its policies are

was that at a time when the Carter Administration was showing itself ready to take a stronger line towards South Africa, no good would be done by a showdown of this sort. The five Western countries in the Security Council—the United States, Canada, Britain, France and West Germany—in the past on the grounds that it would open the way to economic adopt a declaration of principles requiring South Africa to change its policies in the three key areas of apartheid, Namibia (South-West Africa) and Rhodesia. The five countries would

EEC wants to widen aid scheme for poor nations From David Cross

Brussels, March 31

EEC governments today received a formal request from the European Commission to promote worldwide adoption of the Community's scheme to stabilize the export earnings of developing countries. Announcing this in Brussels

today, M Claude Cheysson, the Commissioner for development aid, said that he hoped the Nine would agree to the widening of the scheme by the time full-scale talks between industrialized and developing countries on a new world economic order resume in Paris in May-

The Community's so-called "Stabex" scheme, which is part of the Lome convention with 52 developing countries in

pay embezzled

bonuses and bounties when he

"demobilized" them

Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific, provides financial aid totalling some £200m over five years to stabilize their export 12 prime commodities, includ-ing iron ore, tea, coffee, cocoa, bananas and cotton fall below a certain level they can claim compensation from the Com-

munity.

M Cheysson told a press conference that the Commission felt that a global scheme based on the Lomé model should be extended to cover more agri-cultural and possibly more mineral products. But a worldwide scheme should be limited to the world's 30 or 40 poorest

Support for the extension has already come from the West Germans.

chess victory

Bonn, March 31.—Air Force Sergeant-Major Walter Schmidt Lucerne, March 31.-The eleventh game in the world was sent to prison for three andchess championship quartera-half years today for embezz-ling 1m Deutsche marks (£250,000) by creating an army of ghost soldiers. For seven years he drew their pay and final between Lev Polugayevsky of the Soviet Union and Henrique Mecking of Brazil ended in a draw today. Polugayevsky, who leads allowances and even credited himself with their Christmas

match.-Reuter.

Phantom army's | Russian close to

6-5, now needs only to draw the final game to win the

M Giscard's new Cabinet excites little enthusiasm

ment of action? met today
with expressions of hope from
President Giscard d'Estaing,
but in an atmosphere of disenchantment, with no end in
slight to the ruling parties' internecine somabbles

Claudia Caputi: disfigured.

the bar. They belonged to the gang that had raped her in the summer, but had not been arrested. She tried to flee, but

drove her back to the centre of Rome and left her in a bar.

According to Signorina Caputi's account, she saw three men waiting for her outside Rome and left her outside Rome and left her in a bar.

According to Signorina was pushed into a car.

She was drugged and cut with for victims by police and courts.—Reuter.

necine squabbles.

Outlining the objectives of his new team led by M Barre, the Prime Minister, the President said the first was to overcome the economic problems for in the course and the lems facing the country and the second to draw up a programme to confront the socio-political divergences that had been made so obvious in the recent munici-

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, March 31
France's revamped "Governin Paris, has made it clear that in Paris, has made it clear that he is less than satisfied with the cabiner changes. He told his supportors at Les Baux de Pro-vence, that what the Government majority needed was action and not merely declarations of intent.

The opposition's reaction was predictable. Rightly, they see the Cabiner change as an attempt to mend fences within the ruling parties. M Barre's economic railying cry, restated so forcefully by the President and the Prime Minister with the announcement of the new Government, has not carried M. Jacques Chirac, the Gaul-list leader, still smarting over Socialists or the Communists.

France's enemy No 1 jailed Paris, March 31.—Jean Charles Willoquet, the man

known as France's public enemy week, this time for taking hos-tages and attempted murder.

His wife, Martine, dressed in lawyer's robes, had cossed him a revolver and branchished a grenade to enable him to escape. She received a five-Number One, was today sengrenade to enable him to tenced to 20 years imprisonescape. She received a five-ment for the second time in a year sentence today for complicity...

tages and attempted murder.

M Willoquet, aged 33, was former hairdresser, was sentenced to 20 years for a series attempted murder of two polices and the attempted murder of two polices are during a daring escape of the series of a series of a series attempted murder of two polices. men during a daring escape part in the attacks. All the from the Paris central law sentences will run concurlaw courts in July, 1975.

his reactions tomorrow, together with a Turkish community plan for the island's first federal Government since joint rule collapsed in 1963. Reuter. Britain may ban visit by President Amin

A rather firmer line is emerging from the Foreign Office on the proposal by President Amin of Uganda to attend the Commonwealth conference in June.

It will be up to the Covernment to decide whether to show President Amin to enter the country, according to Mr Rowlands, Minister of State at the Foreign Office. In a letter to Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, former shadow Scottish Secretary, Mr Rowlands points out that Dr Oven is now taking that Dr Owen is now taking soundings of Commonwealth opinion, which the Government will take into account nearer the time, in making its decision. Up to now, the Foreign Office had implied that if President Amin chose to come here, there was no way of pre-

Pretoria Bill denies strike right the minister and are consider. From Our Correspondent

Johannesburg, March 31

confrontation between the Government and organized white labour in South Africa over a Bill which, if it becomes law, will give the Minister of Labour power to ban strikes totally.

The Bill, which Mr Fanie Botha, the Minister of Labour, intends to introduce in the pre-sent Parliamentary session, will empower him to declare that any industry constitutes an essential service. This means that, should a dispute arise, he can forbid a strike. South Africa's two biggest

white made union organizations -the Trade Union Council of South Africa and the right-wing Confederation of Labour, each with 200,000 members—are

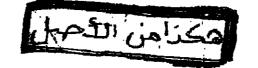
ing joint action.
The powerful Mine Workers' of discuss its attritude to the craft Bill and a recent report of a commission of inquiry which proposed an 11-day working fortnight in the mines instead of the five-day week miners have long demanded. It is believed that Mr Botha's draft Bill was conceived after It is believed that Mr Botha's draft Bill was conceived after a strike threat by the miners over the five-day issue last year. The strike, which would have had a crippling effect on South Africa's economy, was averted at the last minute after direct intervention by Dr Piet Koornhof, who was then Minister of Mines.

South Africa already has a battery of industrial laws which make strikes extremely rare. Strikes may only be called legally if a complicated procedure of arbitration fails. planning urgent approaches to cedure of arbitration fails.

There is a growing threat of Union executive is also meeting Orange Free State are underconfrontation between the to discuss its attitude to the stood to have reminded some government members bluntly that they played a vital role in bringing the National Party to power in 1948 and are as capable now of unseating it, although this is acceptable. though this is arguable.

Mr Attie Nieuwoudt, the president of the Confederation of Labour, said in Johannesburg: "We feel that the Bill and its obvious implications could shake confidence in South Africa both here and overseas. It interferes with the rights of free bargaining."

Mr Botha has admitted that his draft Bill is not normal legis-lation "because we are not liv-ing in normal times. The situa-ton is such that the authorities do not wish to be caught on the wrong foot", he stated



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Japan orders trawler fleet to leave Soviet coast urgently

Japan roday ordered hundreds of its fishing ships to move our of traditional trawling grounds around the Soviet Union by midnight tonight. An emergency radio warning was broadcast when negotiations on a new interim fishing agreement between Tokyo and Mos-cow broke down in deadlock over longstanding territorial

A Government spokesman said that at least 123 of the 700 Japanese ships which normally operate off the Soviet Coast had been contacted. The current Soviet-Japanese interim agreement expires at midnight. Japan does not have the jurisdiction over its coastal waters to warrant reciprocal measures against Russian ships, should Japanese trawlers be harassed. But the situation became tense roday when Japanese patrol boats took the unusual step of following a Soviet merchant ship which sailed close to Japan's three mile territorial waters. The Russian ship was summoned by loudspeaker but

sailed out to sea.

The issue, which blew up as a major controversy between Tokyo and Moscow this week. has already touched off a mood of anti-Soviet resentment here, Japan stands to lose 15 per cent of its total fish catch, traditionally acquired from waters recently incorporated in Russia's new 200-mile zone.

The talks on a new interim fishing agreement broke down

this week after the Soviet Union insisted that the declaration must carry veiled political clauses, which would in effect prejudice Japan's claims to four northern islands, formerly Japanese, which were occupied by Sovier troops at the end of the Second World War.

The Soviet team of negotiators, who returned to Moscow today, also insisted that Russian fishing vessels must be allowed to operate within Japan's territorial waters after the Government extends its jurisdiction over coastal waters from a three to a 12-mile limit later this

Soviet delegates apparently warned officials in Tokyo this week that Japanese fishing vessels operating within the new 20-mile zone would be im-pounded unless a new interim agreement was concluded by midnight today. After two weeks of uncompromising negotiations, described as "bitter and difficult", the Soviet delegation, led by Mr Ivan Nikonorov, boycotted talks two days ago and returned to Moscow today.
As the issue threatened to impair relations between the two countries, Mr Pukuda, the Japanese Prime Minister, decided today to dispatch his chief Cabinet secretary, Mr Sunao Sonoda, to Moscow tomorrow for urgent talks with

Soviet leaders.
Russian fishing vessels will continue to operate off Japan's coast but it is believed that if the stalemate continues, the Japanese Government will introduce reciprocal measures when the country extends its territorial waters to 12 miles and ratifies a proposed 200-mile fishing zone in Parliament dur-ing the next three months.

Ethiopians post a long list of wanted men

hist of men and women wanted tor being opposed to the Ethiopian military leadership appeared here for the first time roday bearing their photo-graphs, names and occupations. The list, which contains some 755 names, includes Mr Dagnahew Yrgu, a former Minister of Agriculture, who abandoned his post and disappeared two years ago. It also includes paratroops, students, teachers, facpary workers and airline, bank and insurance staff who were reported missing from their

The list was posted in main government offices throughout Addis Ababa today.

sail that those listed were en-gaged in counter-revolutionary activities and were to be hunted down with the help of the population. They were to be turned over to the police, farmers' association or kebele (sub-district) defence squads.

Those on the list who have ted lang enrolled in schools or changed the Military Council immein which dianely

It is believed that many are roaming the countryside and their photographs are being distributed. Most are said to have been labour leaders who went underground fearing government repression in con-nexion with planned but un-amounced strikes last Septem-ber which fizzled out.

The authorities have arrested and expelled two black Americans accused of spying for the Central Intelligence Agency, the English language newspaper The Ethiopian Herald reported Mr Richard Hammond and Mr Carl Edwin Hamilton were

Chinese city hit

is still in ruins

travellers reported today.

and left 800,000 injured.

was at the railway station.
In places debris was three storeys high. Rows of whitewashed sheiters had been put up in the subrubs for workers.
The scene was "like the worst pictures of wartime bomb damest"

damage", one eyewitness said.

At first glance we could not distinguish buildings from debris bur after a while wrecks that were ance a while wrecks

that were once tenement blocks

or factories could be identi-fied".—Reuter.

ecormous pile of rubble, foreign

The travellers said that the only new construction apparent

by tremor

caught in the north western pro-vince of Begemdir on March 23 while engaged in espionage on behalf of the London-based rightest Ethiopian Democratic Union, according to the report.
The union has widespread support in Begemdir, bordering on Sudan. There have been frequent clashes there between union and government forces in the past few months.

The newspaper alleged that the two men had admitted working for the CIA. They had air-line tickets in readiness for leaving the country in a hurry as well as credit cards, all pro-vided by the CIA.

An American Embassy spokes-

man in Addis Ababa denied A notice accompanying it that the two were employed by ir and further A house-to-house search for

firearms launched in Addis Ababa a week ago has un-earthed at least 1,600 weapons including sub-machine guns, rifles and pistols, press reports sub-machine - gons, said today. The weapons, together with

an unspecified amount of amthe military authorities within the past two days. The search still goes on but with less in-

Eight people, including an alleged leader of the underground Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party, Mr Tesfaye Debassai, have so far been killed while resisting the search. A number of people are be-lieved to have been arrested. The Government said yesterday that it had set up two commit-tees to investigate complaints "concerning persons arrested unfairly" and "properties un-fairly taken away" by search

teams.-Agence France-Presse.

Congress goes on with hunt for assassins

From Patrick Brogan Washington, March 31

The House of Representatives committee on assassinations is now trying to resume work, after the two-year reprieve it won from the House yesterday. It will have to find new counsel to replace Mr Richard Sprague who resigned to save it from annihilation. It will have to get funds from the House and it will have to try to persuade people that it is not engaged in sensation-seek-ing foolishness.

This last endeavour is off to

a shaky start. A Russian-born French teacher from Dallas. Texas, who met Lee Oswald (the man who shot President Kennedy), apparently commit-ted suicide on Tuesday after learning that he was to appear before the committee. A member of the committee promptly announced that the man, Mr George de Mohreuschildt, might have been an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency and "may have been closer to Oswald than appeared

Oswald than appeared
Mr de Mohrenschildt, like
everyone else who knew
Oswald, was lengthily examined
by the Warren Commission in
1964 and had been frequently
interrogated by conspiracy
theorists after that. He had a
record of mental instability and
apparently killed himself to
avoid further persecution A avoid further persecution. At the time of the Kennedy mur-der (and for months before that) he was in Haiti

The committee was set up at the injuity of black congressmen last year chiefly to investi-gate the murder of Dr Martin Luther King. The kunacies of the Kennedy conspiracy theorists, of whom there are a number on the committee, have cast a deep shadow over it.

Mr Sprague, a celebrated prosecutor from Philadelphia, was appointed counsel by the committee's first chairman-a congressman who retired at the end of last year after arranging for more than a dozen of his former employees to be hired by the committee.

As soon as the new Congress assembled on January 2, the committee began to collapse. Mr Henry Gonzalez, the new chairman, tried to dismiss Mr Sprague, but instead was him-self obliged to resign.

Now Mr Gonzalez has had his revenge. In a slashing attack on Mr Sprague, delivered on the floor of the House on Monday, he succeeded in inflicting so much damage that Mr Sprague's position was finally destroyed. Mr Gonzalez, who is of Mexican origin, accused the House of racial prejudice against him. He said: "I conclude dolefully and sadly that had my last name been Jones or O'Brien, Rosenthal, George Washington Carver or Martin Luther King, I would not have

been treated this shabbily."

He gave the game away by describing the reality behind one of Mr Sprague's claims to have found new secret evidence President assassination. "No fundamental ever been broached other than something quite ephemeral. For instance, they were talking about the evidence of an ex-FBI agent who lives over the Canadian border, and he was going to be a big secret

wimess.
"The witness, of course, had already appeared before the Church committee and the committee of the House (on intellifence marters), and so his testi mony was actually repetitious. The committee, under its nev chairman. (£1,600,000) to see it through its

India plans mass campaign to wipe out illiteracy

From Richard Wigg Delhi, March 31

Peking, March 31.—The city of Tangshan, the centre of last year's earthquake in northern China, is little more than an India is to make a fresh attack on illiteracy, Dr Pratap Chandra Chunder, Minister of Education in the new Janata Government, has told his They were the first foreigners to visit the disaster area since the earthquake last July which folied more than 700,000 people

A team of experts, he said, had been asked to work out the details of a "people's literacy drive" which he promised would be among the Government's priorities.

Dr Chunder, a professional educationalist, said he felt that

the emphasis put on higher education in India was reseducation in India was responsible for only one-third of the population being literate. While attention to higher education was a good thing, we cannot neglect the great masses of our people who have not got the benefit of education, he

which would involve the country's two million primary school teachers and also secondacy school pupils in a mass

literacy drive. He promised teachers salary inducements but also appealed to every educated Indian "to take upon himself the duty of imparting fundamental educa-tion to his backward brothers and sisters ".

One of the difficulties revealed by Unesco's world literacy programme some years back was that school teachers in de-veloping countries tend to be neither professionally nor psy-chologically equipped to teach

adult illiterates.
Dr Chunder said he was personally studying how China had tackled illiteracy for some of that country's problems were the benefit of education," he said.

Dr Chunder called for a Mahatma Gandhi-like movement interested.

Shanghai appeal to Mr Carter

From Richard Hughes Hongkong March 31

protest against "violation of human rights" in Chara

The Hongkong "Far Eastern Economic Review carries in full e a copy of the letter which was apparently sent from Shanghai on March 14, a week after Mr Carter's White House meeting with Mr Vladimir Bukovsky, the Soviet dissident, was approvingly reported in the Chinese press.

The writer of the letter describes China as an "enslaved society" and implores the President "not to forget the suffering of the 800 million people on the Chinese mainland

and to support us with the thousandsof people who in their same commitment you gave the bid to survive either attempt same commitment you gave the In what is accepted here as . Soviet human rights leader

What is described note as Sowier number regarded to the first approach by a resident to a deep close described control western leader a self-described centres in Shanghai and complains by way of Hongkong, a signed by way of Hongkong, a signed ing of young intellectuals to the control of the countryside to work
"Why must we go to prison",
he asks. "Why must we under-

go labour reform? Why must lead such miserable existences, not even on a par with those of dogs or pigs? . . We cannot use what we have learnt. Our whole lives will be spent in farms in faraway border regions which in effect are labour reform camps. . . The people on the mainland have lost all their human rights. shivering in fear, night and

It goes on: "The Chinese mainland today is a hell onearth. The thousands and

to cross the border, iscape from small farming villages, or try to secure freedom and the enjoyment of human rights, are all locked up by the communists in prisons or labour reform camps, with the result that their lot becomes even more painful...

"Mr Carter, we realize that in order to gain our human rights, it is necessary to exercise more struggle and effort. And we must also have more spiritual and moral support-Most of all from the American people who have a 200-year history of supporting human

rights". Copies of the letter have been distributed to Western and Asian diplomatic and intelligence representatives here. They agree that it is probably



Amy Carter, aged nine, the President's daughter, kicking a ball at the state elementary school she has attended since her family moved to Washington.

Vandals and addicts take over charred wastelands created by the flames

New York City ravaged by fire as urban disease of arson consolidates its hold

A losing battle is being fought in the Bronx, Brooklyn and other New York boroughs against one of the most recent urban diseases-arson. Over the past few years, long rows of buildings have been reduced to empty shells, or levelled alto-gether, in certain areas. visitor to the south Any

Bronx can see the empty hulks of buildings, with their windows still charred. Alongside them are empty stretches of waste ground filled with rubbish and an occasional abandoned car.

At one time, the phenomenon was limited to the southernmost part of the borough, across the Harlem river from Manhattan. But it has now spread farther and farther north, creating more waste areas with their populations of squatters, youth gangs and drug addicts.
When I visited a fire station

in East 143rd Street recently, the firemen, almost all of them white, told me that none of

them would want to live in the neighbourhood. Some of them had grown up there, but they now lived some distance away, New York fire department. Mr in areas that were less run

It was usually easy, they said, to tell which fires had been started deliberately because of such signs as perrol marks. They never saw the arsonists. What usually happens is that a fire is started in one flat, perhaps a vacant r

otherwise occupied ! there is another, and another, and before long most of the tenants decide to move out, the landlord stops taking any in-terest, and the whole building becomes prey to local vandals.

Most of the inhabitants of
the south Bronx are blacks and

Puerto Ricans, and there are a lor of hard-working and honest people among them. Around East 143rd Street, for instance, there are several new housing developments. But all 100 often, they are helpless victims of the progressive decay of the area.

marshal, says that there are three main types of arsone... times who do it to extract some sort of revenge; those who have an economic motive; and those who start fires "for fun", usually youth gangs, or people with pathological motives.

Revenge, Mr Barracato said, had accounted for about 60 per cent of the arson cases which his department had investigated in 1976. Sometimes, it was a gang which wanted to attack another gang's headquarters. Other times, it was a husband or vho started a fire in their

flar after a violent argument. There had been a case of teenagers setting fire to a club after being refused admission. and another of a man who had done the same because his girl friend had gone to a dance with someone else.

But arson for economic

motives was catching up, Mr Barracato said.
This sort of arsonist could

be a landlord who felt that he was no longer making enough money because of rent controls, and wanted the insurance money. It could be an unemployed person who would be given money to move if his nome was burnt. It could be a shopkeeper whose stock was obsolete or too large, or an addict who wanted to steal the plumbing and fixtures after a building had been destroyed.

It was very difficult to catch arsonists. Mr Barracato said, as they worked quietly in the middle of the night. In 1976, for instance, his department had investigated 6,779 arson cases and had made only 357 Yet, in many ways, the

Bronx, for all its bad reputa-tion, was not the worst part of New York for fires, Mr Barracato said. Overall, Brooklyn had more cases of arson

Television to record President's workday

From Our Own Correspondence Washington, March 31
President Carter is to allow television cameras into the White House during the week of April 4 to produce a onehour programme entitled A Day in the Life of the Presi-

dent...
The proposal for the programme, from the National Broadcasting Company (NEC) was snapped up by the eager White House.

It seemed ideal for pur-

poses of bringing the President closer to the people", Mr Barry Jagoda, the President's special assistant for media and special assistant for mema and public affairs, said. There iso't any other way we can open the White House to millions of people to let them see what the President does all day and what an incredibly busy schedule be keeps."

The White House has

recently disclosed that Mr Carter is not practising what he preaches in admonishing his staff to get home in time to spend a while with their families. His average working week so far has been 71 hours. Mr Carter, who promised during his election campaign to stay in touch with the ordinary people, is exerting himself to find as many ways as possible of doing so.

His radio "phone-in" was widely acclaimed, as was his rather syrupy performance at the Clinton town meeting It is not clear how natural and unartificial a day in his life can be made to seem. The last time something similar was tried was at the Ford's banquet for the Queen last summer and it was a television disaster.
The Nixon's also has the

cameras in once to show the family Christmas, and it turned out to be a memorable for a stiff, unconvincing per-formance from the President as he sat down on the flour as if he were doing it for the

Usually this kind of thing has been done in written for-mat. Mr John Hersey, the author, did a notably incisive piece on Mr Ford in office and journalists are still at it. Last week, when Mr William Rees-Mogg, the editor of The Times, met Mr Bert Lance, the powerful Director of the Office of Management and Budget, an American reporter sat in, taking notes for his report on Mr Lance's busy day.

Le Monde

looks at the

UNITED KINGDOM

Fifty million Frenchmen can be wrong

Yes, hopelessly wrong about Britain. And can you blame them? Just consider the cliches they have lived with. Milord. Jeeves. Eton's playing fields. Le five o'clock. Sin in high society.

If they are not any of these old standbys, then they are others, but chestnuts all the same. Industrial action. Tea breaks. Work to rule. We know there's a lot more to Britain than this. But do the French? This is the year of the Queen's Silver Jubilee when all Europe's eyes are on Britain. A unique opportunity for British businessmen to set the record straight. With its long industrial and commercial experience, the United Kingdom has a valuable role to play in the construction of Europe.

Politics and society

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Door to Argentina opens for Scots | Sea Pigeon quickens his pace but Welsh still hold the key

Football Correspondent

If Wales and the Republic of ireland were delighted with their World Cup victories over Czechosinvakia and France respectively, on Wednesday night, Scotland, who were not playing, sat back in reflected satisfaction. The Welsh, with their 3-0 win, certainly improved their own chances of qualifying for next year's final competition in Argentina, but also made it easier for the Scots to qualify instead of them.

quality instead of them.

Although Czechoslovakia beat Scofland 2—0 in Prague last October, the Scots now have the necessary incentive to reverse that result at Hampden Park on September 21. They would then need to do no more than draw in Wales next October to finish on top of group seven. Of course, the hypotherical permutations could be turned in favour of any of the three countries who are divided only by goal difference, and with each having two games to play. Nonetheless, it seems likely that Wales will hold the key because they go to Czechoslovakia in November for the last match in the series.

In their previous two games, against West Germany in a friendly and Scotland in the World Cup. and Scotiand in the World Cup. Wales seemed to have lost some of the good team spirit built by their manager. Michael Smith, and the loss of Toshack from their artack was ominous. Czechoslovakia, the European champions, had been beaten only once in 25 international matches, and though they were without their powerful central defender. Ondrus, they remained a splendidly well-organized team.

Wales, too, organized themselves Intelligently and Mr Smith was quick to admit that he had made a mistake in not including Derby County's winger, James, in his original party. James scored twice and began the move that led to Deacy scoring in his first appearance for Wales. Much also depended on the inspiration of Flynn, the tiny Burnley midfield piayer, and hearing how much these two contributed to the surprising defeat of the Czechs, one immediately reflected on Engsurprising defeat of the Czechs, one immediately reflected on England's decision to forgo the use of a midfield organizer in their tepid 5—0 win over Luxembourg, and also on the inaccuracy of the centres intended for Royle and Channon.

It was entirely predictable that Wales and the Republic of Ireland would be better organized than England who, in spite of injuries and Don Revie's match—to-match reappraisals, struggled manfully



James (left), almost forgotten by Wales; and Giles, the

type of player England overlooked. without much team understanding. The Irish are guided both on and off the field by the experienced Giles, who stations himself just ahead of the defence as if on point duty. Without the benefit of a week's group training, they still formed themselves into a neat unit and here too was a lesson for England. Without leadership and direction from an imaginative certainly space. The situation in their group is that having scored five goals at Wembley, too few for safety but too many for immediate castigation, they are at the mercy of Italy, who could lose to England at Wembley in November but still qualify by scoring heavily in two matches with Finland and finally against Luxembourg in Rome next December. for England. Without leadership and direction from an imaginative Rome next December. and direction from an integrative midfield player, the preparation is too easily forgotten in the heat of the game. Unhappily, England's choice is severely limited.

The Irish have a better chance of reaching the finals ahead of the hitherto rapidly improving French, who had beaten them 2—0 in Paris

Rome next December.

Two or three more goals by England on Wednesday night would have justified Mr Revie's apparent satisfaction. His ill-fitting team did their job cornestly but predictably without offering anything for the future. Presumably he is finished with this dull spring collection and will enter the he is finished with this dull spring collection and will revert to the nucleus of the team built last year. Only Gidman, the Aston Villa full back, and Mariner, brought on for the second half, played sufficiently well to warrant consideration ahead of more established players and the overall impression was of confirmation that England's footballers are still pression was or continuation that England's footballers are still doing the basic things badly. Enzo Bearzot, Italy's manager, went away with a confident smile.

Best returns a month after his accident

by playing in a seven-a-side match in Copenhagen and the manager. Bobby Campbell, had no hesitation in choosing Best, despite the fact that Fulham have won their past two matches. Also back is Lacy, who missed last week's win over Sheffield United because of sus-

George Best will return for Fulham at Hull City tomorrow—just over a month after fracturing his shoulder in a car crash. Best joins Fulham's fight to pull clear of the relegation zone at the expense of Margerrison.

He proved his fitness this week by playing in a seven-a-side match in Copenhagen and the manager. Bobby Campbell, had no hesitation in choosing Best, despite the fact that Fulham have won their past the fact that Fulham have won their past the fact that Fulham have won their past the fact that street watches while have been out of senior action for two matches in 10 Shanks takes over from Clement, with Abbott continuing as McLintock's replacement. With Thomas reserves last week.

After facing Everton, unbeaten for 10 matches. West Ham play Queen's Park Rangers on Monday, Brumingham City on Good Friday, Coventry City on Saturday week, and Norwich on Easter Monday.

Rangers have ruled three three in 10 states over from Clement, with Abbott continuing as McLintock's replacement. With Thomas still suffering from thigh trouble, Eastoe wears the No 7 shirt. Leach is back after flu.

There is better news of Rangers's two other internationals on the injured list. Francis is responding well to treatment for his hamstring strain and should return against West Ham, and

Rangers have ruled three players. Clement, McLintock and Thomas, out of the difficult away who missed last week's win over Sheffield United because of suspension. Howe drops out.
Radford, of West Ham United. Is set to return against Everton World Cup match on Wednesday,

return against West Ham, and Bowles, who broke a leg in the match at Bristol City on March 19, will be discharged from Charing Cross Hospital today.

Golf

Old Boys true to form despite cold and rain

By Peter Ryde

Golf Correspondent

A cold blustery west wind and rain was not bad enough to upset form generally in the first round of the Halford Hewitt Old Boys tournament at Deal and Sandwich yesterday. Malvern set the traditional scene by defeating Repton at the 19th in the deciding match. The winning pair, C. Edginton and R. Anderson, were never in the lead until they won. They were two down with six to play, holed from six feet to stay alive at the 19th and squared at the 18th where D. Pepper and T. Hampson missed to the survived a hard match against

joined by next year's Cambridge Robertson and Adams halved the first hole in seven, not exceptional after losing the next four after losing the next foural in the circumstances but after losing the next foural in the circumstances but after losing the next foural in the circumstances but after losing the next foural in the circumstances but after losing the next foural in the circumstances but after losing the next foural in the circumstances but after losing the next foural in the circumstances but after losing the next foural in the circumstances but after losing the next foural in the circumstances but after losing the next foural in the circumstances but after losing the next foural in the circumstances but after losing the next foural in the circumstances but after losing the next foural in the circumstances but after losing the next foural in the circumstances. At Sandwich, Eton and C. Clegg, a Cheshire colt, to leaven the weight of the old brigade. At Sandwich, Eton and C. Clegg, a Cheshire colt, to leaven the weight of the old brigade. At Sandwich, Eton and C. Clegg, a Cheshire colt, to leaven the weight of the old brigade. Whinglit's leading pair, Peter and David Hedges, were defeated by the top Clifton pair, which inclusions against each other today. Old brigade the weight of the old brigade. The weight of the old brigade at the weight of the old brigade. The weight of the old brigade at the weight of the old brigade at the prevention. At Sandwich,

17th and squared at the 18th where D. Pepper and T. Hampton missed the green with their third. The Reptonian ball was plugged deep in a bush at the 18th. A free drop was in order but they still needed six and Malvern, holing from four feet for the match, were reckoned to have just about deserved victory.

A senior Harrovian brought depressing news of his team's start. It was true enough for they were down in three matches before the turn. but they demonstrated another of the tournament's characteristics—the rapidity with which a struation can change—by winning all five matches against Aldenham.

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behind them put last year's run-ners-up through to meet Radley, who survived a hard match against

At Sandwich, Eton and Charter-house moved into battle positions against each other today. Old enemies, who between them have won the cup 20 times, they are also old friends who are intending to sit down at one table together for lunch whatever the outcome. One of the most exciting finishes of the day gave Mariborough victory over Shrewsbury. They won three matches at the 18th, 19th and 20th holes.

Deal
FIRST ROUND: Westminster best
City of London. 4—1: Malvern best
Repton 3—2: Bradfield best Bishop's
Stortford. 4—1: Harrow best Aldenham. 5—0: Rossall best Gleralmond.
5—0: Mill Hill best Chigwell. 4—1:
Lancing best Gresham's. 1—1: Wrekin
best Bedford. 4—1: Whitgift best
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Lovetto best Felsbod. 3—2: Winchester
best St Paul's. 5—0: Highgats bost
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Barrington has to survive crisis to reach last four

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The Barbarlans make one change and add two players to their squad for the Easter tour in Wales.

Ian Barnes (Hawick) is not available, being on a business trip in America. His place at lock is taken by Raiston (Rictimond) and J. P. R. Williams (Bridgend) and Hare (Lecester) are added as full backs.

Newport, who go for the double as Buth tons centres, Burcher and Gareth Evans. Brown and Headon are the replacements and the college student, Webber, comes in at full-back. In Burcher's absence Smart captains, Newport, who field the pack that did so well in last week's Welsh Cup semi-final.

SQUASH

RACKETS

I Donah Bardington, stalving to win the Eritish open squash rackets by in the first spans record-equaling stating the fourth and had match the first game in the fourth and had match the in and Watson benefitted when the Irishman hit down twice the semi-final opponent the South Africa, Rohand Watson, by 10—3, 9—4, 5—9, 9—5.

Barrington showed no steps of this recent back crouble end won a meration first game after sawing two game points. "I badly wanted to win the first game", said Barrington September of the match as it would have given him extra confidence." The Irishman traced through the second me in only six minutes, but 30 year-old Australian Cameron Nancarrow and the Egyptian Ahmed Safwar. Nancarrow. runner up in 1968, beat the British amateur close champion. Jonathan Lestie, 9—4, 7—9, 9—3, 9—5.

SQUASH

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Today's fixtures Kick-off 7.30 unless stated. County v Torquey United...
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City...
RUGBY LEAGUE: First division:
Castistord v Warringson; St Helems v
Bradford v Warringson; St Helems v

to win and confound critics

By Michael Seely

Sea Pigeon gave a breathtaking display of class and courage when defying 12st 6lb in the Allied Manufacturing Hurdle Handicap at Aintree yesterday. Those who have doubted the Sea Bird gelding's honesty must now be eating their words after the gallant display. John O'Neill settled Sea Pigeon down in midfield as the lightweight Slim Jim cut out the early running. Rounding the final turn, the pace quickened. Two filghts from home, where Sea Pigeon was improving his position, the Irish mare Mwanadike cruised into the lead.

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Sea Pigeon hit the hurdle and came off the bridle. As Mwanadike weakened, Multiple jumped to the from at the final flight. But by now Sea Pigeon was really running. Quickening impressively, past an opponent who showed no signs of stopping, he won by two lengths with Flying Diplomar four lengths with Flying Diplomar four lengths away third.

Although the going is now soft at Liverpool, it in no way resembles the holding ground at the National Hunt meeting. There is no doubt in Sea Pigeon's owner Pat Muldoon's mind that this was the only factor that prevented his seven-year-old giving Night Nurse a fight at Cheltenham.

But Easterby would not commit himself. "You ask old Brod "was the trainer's cryptic comment. But quite clearly Easterby considers Night Nurse to be by far the berter hurdler. I also sense that he feels that the Champion Hurdler can confirm the Cheltenham placings with Monksfield on 61b worse terms in the Templegate Hurdle tomorrow. "He's come on 71b since Cheltenham "Easterby sald, "And the old horse will be more at home on this better ground."

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When asked why he was run-ning Night Nurse over this ex-tended two and a half miles, the trainer replied: "We're thinking trainer replied: "We're thinking about the Colonial Cup next season. And Liverpool's a sight nearer Malton than America to find out whether Night Nurse stays the distance."

More immediately, Night Nurse and Sea Pigeon will wind up their respective campaigns in the Welsh and Scottish Champion Hurdies. The Chepstow event is on

The ground is definitely turn-The ground is definitely furning against Red Rum and Winter Rain. "It's soft," said Red Rum's rider Tommy Smck with a wry smile. "The going's good to soft and it's going to get worse," was Michael Dickinson's appreciation of the situation. Other leading jockeys reported that the ground was deed

The speculators also have made up their minds. Ladbrokes, who announced a satisfactory first day attendance of 7,100, reported further backing for the Gold Cup winner Davy Lad, who is now their clear favourite at 8-1. Red Rum, Andy Pandy and Gay Vulgan are joint second choices in the market at 12-1. Then bracketed together at 14—1, are Pengrail and Zeta's Son, who have both shortened two points. Fulke Walwyn's improving stayer Gay Vulgan must be good value at 12-1 each way to finish in the first four. The speculators also have made

Michael Buckley and Peter Balley have now to find another jockey for Zeta's Son, as Ron Barry has been told that the torn fibres in his shoulder are not yet sufficiently healed, he has been advised against edding for another advised against riding for another week. "The idea is to try and get hold of Mouse Morris." Buckley said. "But he's riding in Ireland this afternoon." There is a persistent rip for Fred Winter's facourite horse Pengrall who is William Hill's biggest loser in their ante-post book. The London firm also face a half a million pound payout over one ludividual bet coupling Blustery and Davy Lad for the Spring

The riding honours of the after-noon went to Nicky Henderson, who despite his saddle slipping before the last fence, rode an inspired finish on his own horse happy Warnor to beat the fav-ourite, Rusty Tears in the Greenall Whitley Foxhunter steepiechase. This race saw steeplechasing at its best in the driving rain, as the first two and Timmie's Banle were locked together in mortal combat from the moment they crossed the Melling Road.

Tuesday, April 12 and the Ayr race the following Saturday, Scottish Grand National Day.

The ground is definitely turnnon to the winner on the grounds of improper riding from approaching the second fence-from approaching the second fence-from home." The protest seemed a trifle frivolous under the circumstances. Not only was it overruled, but also the 18 year old Madden forfeited his deposit. In contrast to the foximmers, the Topham Trophy was won with startling ease by Churchtown Boy after the fixtourite Ben More, had come to arief at the first fence. Finishing grief at the first fence. Finishing as fresh as a daisy. Churchtown Boy sprinzed away from his rivals to beat Lord Browndold by 15

> The winner will probably turn out again for the big race tomorrow. His trainer-lockey, Taffy Saleman gave the mount to Chris Reed yesterday, but Martin Blackshaw will be in the saddle on the 10-year-old in the National. Salaman would have ridden Churchtown Boy on both occasions but is suffering from influenza. No Topham winner has ever taken the National in the same year, although the 1953 scorer Irish Lizzard went on to finish third.
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> The atternoon opened with an The arternoon opened with an Irish the arternoon opened with an Irish rictory when Irish Rambler, who had run well behind Mac's Charint at Cheitzenham landed a big gamble in the Knowsley Newices Hurdle. Supporters of favourities suffered a reverse in the Sporting Chronicle Handicap Sieeplechase, when the strongly functed Grangewood Girl fell when recolling strongs with the leader tra-ciling strongly with the leader Birdlard. Victory went to Peter Cundell's 18-1 outsider Bachelor's Hall, who mastered Eyen Dawn

lengths.

There will be no recine at Teesside Park today. The Clerk of the Course, John Chapman, said: "It has been sleeting here and I'm afraid the stewards have been to absence the rection." Yesterday's fixture was also called

STATE OF COING refficials: Liver-rop: Good to sen. Ascol: Flat: Round course, good to sen. National Hum course: Good to warmick Heavy, Towester (tomor-row): Self.

Improved Rathconrath deserves support

By Michael Phillips

Racing Correspondent Today's six races at Liverpool, four of which are sponsored by Watching Rathconrath win at Hay. Weetabix are all fascinging in different ways, none more so than the Weetabix. Hurdle for ganza at Kempton Park. But Extravaganza is better than she has attracted Rathconrath, Decent looked that day. She has won Fellow, Amazon Ruler, Extravaganza is better than she stracted Rathconrath, Decent looked that day. She has won fellow, Amazon Ruler, Extravaganza is better than she was wearing blinkers for the first time. Whistle for Gold, smoog others the first time.

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There was a gamble on Amazon and together thay should ensure Ruler on Wednesday. Comparathat it will be a needle affair tively little is known about this from beginning to end.

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I think there are three ways of looking at it. It might compensate Decem Fellow for successive defeats at Haydock Park and Cheltenham in races that mattered a lot; he may be beaten again by Rathconrath as was the case in the Victor Ludorum Burdle at Haydock; but another possible Duktome, as our Irish Correspondent says, is the defeat of both of them by Whistle for Gold who pondem says, is the defeat of both of them by Whistle for Gold who made so many friends at Leopardstown last mouth when he won his first race under National Hunt rules by eight lengths.

The conditions of the race favour Decent Fellow, who so nearly won the Triumph Hurdle at Chelrenham, but I think he will be beaten by Rathconrath even though he finished six lengths in front of my selection in the Triumph.

in the Triumph.

At Cheltenham Rathconrath rained his chance by starting extremely slowly. I heard it said afterwards that his girths were still being adjusted when the tapes rose. In fact that was not so. The starter was not to blame. The fault lay with Rathconrath himself who caught John Francome completely unawares when he witipped around the moment the starter sent them on their way. in the Triumph.

At Cheltenham Rathconrath in the dying seconds of the race. whipped around the moment the starter sent them on their way. Francome will be on his guard this time and Rathconrath may well be capable of outpacing Decent Fellow just as he did at Haydock even though he will be meeting him on 4 lb worse terms than when they clashed in the Victor Ludorum. Rathconrath won that race much more comfortably than the actual result suggested.

Whistle for Gold may be full of

promise, but it is still asking a lot of a horse who has raced only once over hurdles to match the experience of the other two.

Ruler on Wednesday. Comparatively little is known about this horse who won on the flat at St. Cloud last autumn and who was subsequently sold by Ravi Tikkoo for about £8,000 at Deauville in November. Other than that, he needs good ground. Any more rain will be against him just as it will be against Tree Tangle in the Alpen Trophy Steeplechase. Tree Tangle is one of the best of the newcomers to steeplechasing this season, and I would have fancled his chance of winning this prize if the rain had stayed away. Now that the ground has deteriorated, however. I am tempted to desert him in favour of the useful Irish challenger, Miffame.

Beacon Light, Mac's Chariot, and French Hollow will all have plenty of followers in the George Hurdle, but on this occasion I prefer Rathure, who has been trained specially with this race in mind this spring, whereas the other three were all heavily committed at Cheltenbam. Rathure gets a useful allowance from his principal rivals and no one should over-loog the fact that he gave a lor

pal rivals and no one should over loog the fact that he gave a lot of weight to the subsequent Chet-tenham winner Counsel Cottage at Limerick in the autumn and bear

him decisively.

Our Edition, my selection for the Weetabix Handicap Steeple-chase, is a horse that I have always liked, and it has been good to see him run up to earlier expectations recently. He beat King Flame easily at Lingfield Park last month and he should beat him again. General Moselle was a fluent winner at Haydock Park at the beginning of March, but he may have too much weight this

Second win in six days

Mittainvilliers won his second race in six days when taking the Prix de Ris-Orangis at Evry Last Friday the son of Fariston landed the 10 furlong Prix Radames at Maisons-Laffitte but for his latest triumph he had to work harder. work harder.

Nurabad, ridden by Fred Head, made up a lot of ground in the closing stages to deprive Kronen-kranich of second place. Mon-santo, although well placed to challenge, could only finish fifth, PRIX DE RIS-ORANGIS (Group III:
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Kronenkranich D. Richardson 3 ALSO RAN: My Last Sovereign. Re Flottante. Bally Rockette. Roan Sizr. Bunduras, Iron Duke. Monsanto.

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2.30 (2.36) TOPHAM TROPHY (Handicap Steeplechase: £4,870: 2m 6i) Cherchtown Bey. by Arc. Siavo-Cauchtown Maid (9-1, 4 Lord Brownstod) C. Read (9-1, 4 Lord Brownstod)

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J. Francome (14-1) 2
Loan Forward H. J. Erans (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Ben More (1. 10-1)
Coucinder (1. 11-1 My Friendly
Coucin (1. 12-1 Evan Melody (1. 15-1)
Exhibit B. Mr Midland, 14-1 Glenvale
Prince (1. Vulabaloo (1. 16-1 Teddy
Bear II (1. 18-1 St Swithin. 30-1
Petters (1. Calloville, 25-1 Another
Venture (44h) Lictor, 33-1 Ringarose.
Battle Hymn, Suspender, Flower Child
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3.5 (3.8) SPORTING CHRONICLE
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Mr P. Greenall (7-2) 3
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Dusky May, 16-1 Bar Haze (6, 20-1
Claveting's Cross, 28-1 Atomic Prince,
Front Scal, 33-1 Drumsill House, Ir'sh
Mist (7) 50-1 Black Rogue (f),
Cantabrille, Chukka (f), Gellivanier (f)
(p) Harlscan (f), Isle of Wight (p),
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Marishridge (100-30 fav): 3. Cloud
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did not run.

5.50: 1. Horescope (8-1): 2. Antinee
(11-8 fav): 3. Backey Brook (33-1):
14 20: 1. Takasabi (4-1): 2. Sadalo
VI (8-1): 3. Bisbbormouth (100-30):
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Avon did not run.

4.50: 1. Langelide (9-2): 2. Scora
(11-8 fav): 3. Rasty Lady (50-1): 14
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Liverpool programme

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Warwick selections

By Our Racing Staff

2.15 Woodbegood. 2.45 Morning Echo. 3.15 The White Tower. 3.45 Winged Typhoon. 4.15 Rial. 4.45 Gold TV. 5.10 Elusive. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 3.15 Paper Rich. 4.15 Rial. 5.10 Elusive.

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Amritraj is seventh time lucky against careworn Rosewall

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Amritraj was never taken to deuce on his own service. A graceful his is in, he played benutifully, long for the lines with a bold-case and accuracy that kept Rose-case and accuracy that kept Rose-case and accuracy that kept Rose-case with a bold with his second service and his first volley. Rosewall looked more careworn that ever. Even at his care he kind of form that, at the service of the lond only faintly suggest that he would chamber the light of the clay courts of the old magic on the clay courts of the old magic on the clay courts of the circuit, from May 10-15 at ballas, where he won the WCT dithe circuit, from May 10-15 at pallas, where he won the WCT and 1972, and 1972, and the services and returns were below his usual standards. So was his footwork, his game was strewn with errors and in both sets the confidence drained out of him. Amritraj rook the first set with a run of 14 consecutive points. From 2-all in the second, Rosewall scored only two points. He could not create any charces—and Amritraj would give him none.



Ken Rosewali . . . kept under relentless pressure.

Almost as sad was a similar Earls Court was a bold gamble, collapse by Tony Roche, beaten particularly as there were only 5x weeks in which to promote it. Ross Case. Roche has had two weeks off and last Sunday he pulled a hip muscle while practising. "But he still served for the first ser and he was himse the command of the sext and the was himse the command of the sext and the was himse the command of the sext and the was himse the command of the sext and the was himse the command of the sext and the sext and the was himse the command of the sext and the se tising. "But he still served for the first set and he was hitting the ball awfully well", said Case later. Case made the sharper start. But when Roche settled down he hit some flowing passing shots and his chipped backhand and top-spin forehand had Case scuttling all over the court. But Case did the work that was asked of him. He survived his worst crisis by breaking back for 5-all with a forchand down the line and he was never in trouble again. From 2—1 and deuce in the second set, he lost only four points.

The pairings in the last eight

The pairings in the last eight are Nastase v Amritraj, Case v Dibbs, Gerulaitis v Fibak, Solomon

two. The players, as pallid as troglodytes amid the encircling gloom are finding the playing conditions an improvement on many they have to come to terms with in more familiar agence. By with in more familiar arenas. By this evening even the scoreboards may be working properly. On the first day this deficiency could be dismissed as absent-mindedness. On the second it was surprising.
On the third it was inexcusable.
But such tlaws as this do not confound the overall judgment that the trial marriage between WCT and Earls Court has been a

FIRST ROUND: R. Cash (Australia) beat A. D. Roche, 7—6. 6—1: V. Amariyal (India) beat K. Rosewall (Australia), 6—2. 6—3.

Table tennis

Cricket

Windwards pointer to Pakistan's chances

31.—Pakistan and West Indies take the field here tomorrow for the fourth Test widely expected to be the decider in their fivematch series. Four weeks ago, West Indies thrashed Pakistan by six wickets on the same unpredicable pitch

at the picturesque Queens Park Oval to go one up in the series. Oval to go one-up in the series.
Only a victory over the next five days can keep alive Pakistanis hopes of winning the series.
Pakistan's morale has been boosted by the brilliant batting display they gave in Guyana two weeks ago to save the third Test after being skittled out in their first innings for 194. But that was on a perfectly placid batting wicket. Since then, the fragility of their batting has been confirmed—by the weakest side in the Caribbean, the Windward Islands, on another unpredictable pitch in Domlnica. Pakistan were twice dismissed for less than 170 in that match and won only because their bowlers were able to run through the Windwards batting for even less.
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Pakistan played four of their
Test probables in the Windward
Islands—Zaheer Abbas, Javed
Miandad, Haroon Rashid and
Wasim Raja—but none impressed
despite the weakness of the Islands'

attack. This gives little hope that Pakistan will stand up better than in the second Test here to West Indies' formidable attack of Roberts, Croft and Garner. Between them, the three fast bowlers have taken 52 of the 60 Pakistan night for in the three Tests Pakistan wickets in the three Tests so far. Despite an enormous second inmings total of \$40 in Guyana, the Pakistan batsmen still do not seem to have worked out how to play them, and all too often are to a careless stroke.

Pakistan none the less believe that they can win the series, but the West Indies captain, Lloyd, is equally confident of victory. "I believe that when you look at the batting all the way down the order we have proved the stronger side", he said after the third Test.

WEST INDIES: R. C. Fredericks, C. G. Greenidge, I. V. A. Richards, A. I. Kallicharran, I. Shillingford, C. Lloyd, D. L. Murray, A. M. E. Roberts, J. Garner, C. Croft, Iashan Ali.

PAKISTAN (from): Majid Khan, Sadiq Mohammad, Zaheer Abbas, Haroon Rashid, Mushtaq Mohammad, Asif Iqbal, Wasim Raja, Imran Khan, Sarfraz Nawaz, Iqbal Qasim, Javed Miandad, Monsin Khan, and Wasim Bari.

Conteh defence opens Monaco double bill

Monaco, March 30.—Britain's world light-heavyweight champion, John Conteh, will defend his title against Miguel Cuello, of Argentina, in this Mediterraneau principality on May 21, the day before the Monaco Grand Pris. Announcing the hout the Mayor of Monaco, Jean-Louis Medecin, said that a return world middle-weight title fight between Carlos Monzon, of Argentina, and Rodriogo Valdes, of Colombia,

would probably also be staged here, in July. In Rome it was announced that Britain's European lightmiddleweight champion, Maurice Hope, is to defend his crown against Frank Wissenbaeh, of West Germany, in Hamburg on May 7. Hope recently boxed a draw in a title bout against the world champion, Eckhard Dagge, of West Germany, in Berlin.— Agence France-Presse. Olympic Games

Canada seek action on those who withdraw

Abidjan, March 31.—A proposal was made today to the joint conference of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and the National Olympic Committees (NOCS) here that countries enter-(NOCS) here that countries emering Olympic Games and then pulling out should be penalized. According to conference sources, the proposal was referred to the NOCS for further study.

The proposal, put up by Canada, recommended that countries withdrawing from Olympic Games should be barred from the next Games and he required to refund

Games and be required to refund certain expenses incurred by the host country. The sources said that it laid emphasis on with-

drawal from the Games for politi-cal reasons.

Most of the delegates asked for time to study the proposal, the Sources said, Mr Abraham Ordia, Nigerian

Air Abraham Ordia, Nigerian president of the Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA), spoke on the proposal and said that the African countries' boycott of the Montreal Games last year was based on humanitarian and moral grounds, and not on political considerations, the sources said.

considerations, the sources said. The two day joint meeting of the 10°C executive board and the NOCS, which opened today, will review points raised at separate meetings held here earlier this week. The meeting will also consider reports from the organizing commitnees of the 1980 Olympic Games in Lake Placid and Moscow.—Reuter.

Show jumping

Rugby League FIRST DIVISION: Leeds 21, Work-ington Town 14. Motor racing

Brabham team hope for Californian win

By John Blunsden Against a backcloth of high risers, main road shops, the retirement home of the Long Beach community, and, a few yards offshore, the former Cunarder, Queen Mary, the fourth round of the 1977 world championship race parise will get under way this series will get under way this weekend in California as the United States Grand Prix West

Last year's race, stage managed by the British expatriate business man, Chris Pook, was an ambi-tious experiment conducted against severe financial odds. It proved to be a costly exercise, but such was the success of the concept was the success of the concept of a grand prix running through the streets of a United States city that sufficient sponsorship has been secured this year to ensure the viability of a repeat race.

the viability of a repeat race.

Although referred to by a number of people as a Monaco grand prix of the New World, the Long Beach race is, in fact, unique in character, and for drivers and race engineers alike it provides a formidable challenge. Two first goar hairpins, a preponderance of second gear corners and short straights and a long, looping righthand curve where the cars reach 170 mph call for carefully chosen compromises in setting up cars. It is also a circuit which imposes great strains on brakes, transmissions and drive shafts.

Last year Ferrari were the dom-inant team, and Clay Regazzoni, now driving for the British Ensign-Ford team, led throughout both practice and the race with his team partner, Niki Lauda, guarding his tail. The flexibility of the 12 cylinder engine will again prove deciding when proves the state of inder engine will again prove decisive when practice begins today on the two-mile circuit, and the Brabham team, too, with their increasingly competitive 12 cyl-inder Alfa Romeo engine, are hoping for their first grand prix success in the Californian sun-

success in the Californian sun-shine.

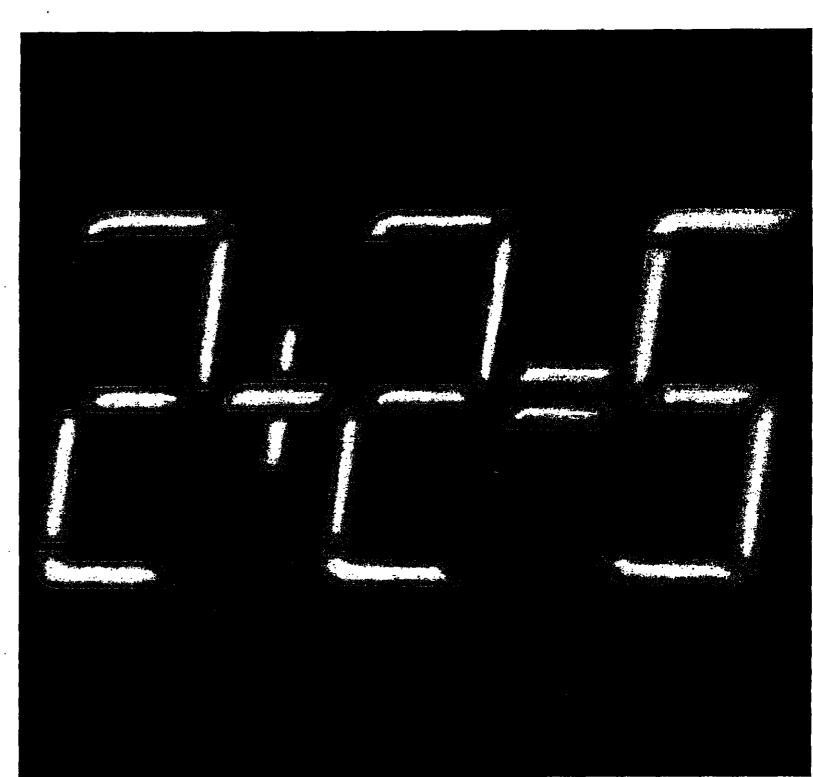
But with 97 grand prix suc-cesses already in the record book the Ford Cosworth DFV engine is still a formidable force and the McLaren team of Hunt and Mass, the John Player Lotus pair of Andretti and Nilsson, the six-Andretti and Nilsson, the sixwheeled Tyrrell competitors Peterson and Depaller and South
Africa's Jodi Scheckter, the lone
driver of the new Wolf team currently in the lead of the 1977
world championship, are all
capable of securing a victory.
Current positions in the champlonship table show Jody
Scheckter in the lead with 15
points followed by the Ferrari
drivers Reutemann and Lauda
with 13 each and James Hunt with
9. Ferrari lead the constructors'
table with 22 points, followed by
Wolf-Ford with 15 and McLarenFord with 9.

Le Mans interest widening

Lloyd's underwriters in London tain's most experienced sports car

Lloyd's underwriters in London are sponsoring one of several privately-constituted British racing entries which are to challenge the heavily-financed European works teams at Le Mans this year (writes John Blunsden).

Ian Bracey, an insurance broker, and Tony Charnell, managing director of a Ford main dealership in Dumfries, are to contest this year's world sports car champion-ship races in a Chevron B31, powered by a two-litre Hart engine. They will be joined for the important 24 hours race in June by John Hine, one of Bri-



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This first tennis tournament at Chinese keep rest of the world guessing

By Richard Streeton

One topic alone was uppermost in the minds of the players at the world table tennis championships in Birmingham yesterday as they had a rest day before the start of today's individual events. Will China, having duly retained both the men's and women's team titles on Wednesday, now go on to win all five events? Will they even deem it appropriate to assert their undoubted superiority?

These questions to some people may need elaborating a little. Sport, like every other human activity, has seen its quota of Chinese imponderabilities. In table tenus: there have been occasions when, to use the fashionable phrase. China has put friendship between nations ahead of compenitive success.

It is a delicate area in which to comment and a factor which has aroused suspicious less often at major championships than on the matine goodwill tours China

hey are so much better than anyone else at Birmingham, that it is probably more fruitful to wonder which of them will actually win. On form, and according to China's own rankings, it should be Kuo Yao-Hua for the men's singles title, though these things do not always work out as they should in theory even among the Chinese themselves. themselves.

themselves.

Certainly it seems unlikely that the holder, Istvan Jonyer (Hungary), will come through again as he did in Calcutta two years ago. Stellan Bengisson, of Sweden, is the European most commonly nominated among the non-Asian players themselves as likely to progress the furthest.

North Korea's Pak Yung Sun, the defending champion in the

undertakes. But it has to be mentioned and still remains a talking point among the European players when they discuss prospects for the next five days.

The Chinese players, and especially the men, have already shown they are so much better than any.

women's singles, like funct, is not generally expected to win again. Chang Li, the leading Chinese, and unexpectedly beaten in the last world singles final. Starts the favourite. Unless one they are so much better than any. is an optimist of optimists, there are nine or 10 other Asians at least before a prudent forecaster can nominate a contender from

> Today the championship pro Today the championship pro-gramme is occupied by three rounds of qualifying matches, a slight misnomer as they concern everybody taking part bar the world's leading 32 men and women who are excused the preliminary stages. So it is tomorrow before the major names return to the stage again. stage again.

As far as the leading four English players are concerned, therefore, it is another 24 hours before Desmond Douglas and Denis Neale in the men's singles and lill Hammersley and Carole Knight in the women's, start their chal-lenge.

Hockey

London win title for the first time

y a Statt Reporter
UAU 1
London 2
The British Universities Sports
Federation bockey trophy found a
new resting place yesterday. It had
for several years been the monopoly of Universities Athletic Union
who were beaten at Durham in an
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who were beaten at Durham in an exciting final by London, winners of the title for the first time.

London's success, the outcome of perseverance, was a surprise because they had lost 1—0 to UAU in the preliminary round but their 3—1 victory over Oxford in the semi-final round raised their hopes and in yesterday's final they raised their game after being a goal down.

The match played in cold and wet weather was even for most

wet weather was even for most of the first half with Green and Dunlop holding the centre against keen and determined London attacks.invariably led by Dunkerley. The score sheet remained

blank until a minute before half-time when Waugh scored for UAU from a short corner. But a little earlier, UAU had lost Dunlop who was injured in the mouth and had to retreat for urgent dental treat-ment. Jeetha took his place but UAU's rhythm was obviously broken.

broken.

Ten minutes after the interval Harrison equalized for London and the battle was on. UAU came close to a score with Waugh hitting a post but 12 minutes before the end Priday obtained the matchwinner for London who failed to increase their lead from a penalty stroke, Farr saving well from Edmonds. Towards the end UAU came close to saving the game.

In the play-off for third place Cambridge beat Oxford 1—0 to complete a three-match rubber, Cambridge having won 2—1 at Lord's and Oxford 2—1 in the pool match at Durham.

The following will represent the BUSF in a tournament against France, Belgium and West Germany at Lyon from April 26 to 29: Many at Lyon from Appen on the Communication of the

Not bad going for their first outing

By Joyce Whitehead Uster 3 The British Universities

(women), whose team was selected only last Wednesday, played their first match yesterday in Coleraine and were beaten by the Uster-Under-23 side. This was a feather in Ulster's cap, for they were, without their four interactional players as Ireland are 19 ying an international match. figural players as Ireland are flying an international match tomorrow. So, like the Universities, they had not played together before.

Although the Universities scored first with a good shot from the edge of the circle by June Garvin, it was Ulster who had most of

they led 2—1 at half time. The Universities had the ball in the net a second time, but the goal was disallowed as the player was offside.

was disallowed as the player was offside.

In the second half the Universities were on the attack most of the time, but were unable to finish in the circle except for the equalizing goal scored by Julie Dawson. Ulster made only intermittent raids, but that was sufficient for they scored their third and winning goal.

Linda Scotland, the Universities' captain, played a fine game and

Universities played half a match each, but, try as the team did, they could not get the bail in the net again. Ulster, though they tended to overhit, demonstrated the value of a good open game and deserved their win. The last time they played the Universities they lost in Liverpool.

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Rackets

Marlborough come back from being down

By Our Rackets Correspondent
Marlborough, the holders, came
back from being down 3—0 and
delicately poised in the fourth and
fifth games to beat Wellington
and reach the semi-final round
of the schools rackets championship at Queen's Club yesterday.
Watson and Worlidge beat Mallinson and Malthy by 10—15. Watson and Worlidge beat Mallinson and Malthy by 10—15, 10—15, 15—17, 15—11, 15—10, 15—2, 15—6 and today meet Harrow. In the other semi-final Halleybury play Malvern.

Recovery from near defeat is becoming a habir with Marlborough. In last year's final they were down three games and 0—10 were down three games and 0-10 to Malvern and survived.

SECOND ROUND: Malver
Rosser and A. J. B. McDon
Clifton (N. B. F. Hubbard a lvern and survived.

OND ROUND: Malvern (P. J. and A. J. B. McDonald) beat (N. B. F. Hubbard and G. R. B. L. B. L.

captain, played a fine game and led her team well. The two players chosen for the right wing for the Latest European snow reports

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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club
of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The
following reports have been received from other sources:



Law Report March 31 1977

House of Lords

AA denied costs in small claims

Hobbs v Marlowe Before Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Chancellor, Viscount Dilhorne, Lord Diplock, Lord Simon of Glaisdale and Lord Salmon.

A motorist whose car was damaged in an accident and was reimbursed by his insurers for the full amount of the expense which he had sustained, less only £10 excess and the uninsured costs of hiring a substitute car, was beid to be nevertheless entitled to sue the other motorist for the full amount of lus expense. But the county court judge was right in him of all costs except the court refusing him solicitors' costs on fee of £7.50 appropriate to a claim a claim which was a misuse of the for less than £75. process of the court.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the defendant, Mr Roger Marlowe, and a cross-appeal by the plaintiff, Mr Percy John Hobbs, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Cairns, Lord Justice Scarman and Lord Justice Geoffrey Lane) (The Times, October 27, 1976) who dismissed an appeal and cross-appeal by the parties from cross-appeal by the parties from ludge Sheldon at Aldershot and Farnham County Court.

Mr Leolin Price, QC, and Mr Dermod O'Brien for Mr Marlowe; Mr Roger Titheridge, QC, and Mr Robert Nelson for Mr Hobbs. The LORD CHANCELLOR said that he agreed with Lord Diplock and desired only to add a few words on the cross-appeal.

The evident object of the rule (Order 47, rule 5(4) of the County Courts Rules), introduced in 1973, had been to discourage legal representation in cases where the amount of the claim did nor justify the cost. Its effect was to justify the cost. Its effect was to prevent a litigant being deterred from asserting what he regarded as a just claim or defence by the fear of being mulcted in relatively heavy legal costs if he lost. It would be a matter for concern if one of the principal provisions designed for the protection of the litigant in person could be avoided by a colourable inflation of the plaintiff's claim. His Lordship agreed with Lord

Justice Salmon, as he then was, in his dissenting judgment in Bourne v Stanbridge ([1965] 1 WLR 189, 198): "I am bound to say that it seems to me that in the circumstances of this case the principles of reason and justice clearly demand that a plaintiff who embarks on a piece of fruitless litigation of this kind should not be entitled to his costs as of tight it is concerned that the fact of the costs as of right. It is suggested that the facts that the plaintiff was insured and that the defendants were insured. that the defendants were insured-and that there was a knock-for-knock agreement, and that the plaintiff bore the first £10 and that there was a no claims bonus and so on, are all irrele-vant. No doubt they are, so far as the issue of liability was con-cerned. I do not, however, be-lieve that the court is obliged to exercise its discretion over costs in blinkers. Not only, do I think, as far as costs are concerned, that these matters are relevant: I think hese matters are relevant: I think that they are of real and some-times of vital importance."

Those words were equally applicable whether the result of removing the blinkers and having regard to the actual amount at stake was, as in Bourne v Stan-bridge, to lower the scale of costs to which the plaintiff was entitled or, as in the instant case, to deprive him altogether of his soli-

Viscount Dilhorne delivered au opinion agreeing with Lord Dip-

Mr Marlowe had been solely to blame for the accident. Both cars had been comprehensively insured with an excess of £10, Mr Hobbs with the United Standard Insurance Co Ltd and Mr Marlowe with the Guardian Royal Exchange Insurance Ltd (GRE). The cost of repairing Mr Hobbs's car had never been in dispute; it was £237.59, of which £227.59 had been paid by United Standard. Mr Hobbs had incurred expenses in hiring another car while his was belag repaired amounting to £63.53. So he was £73,53 out of pocker.

parties to a knock-for-knock agreement, the effect of which was that in circumstances such as the present each insurer bore its own loss. If Mr Marlowe were compelled by legal process to pay Mr Hobbs the £227.59 as damages for negligence and GRE indemnifor negligence and GRE indemnitied Mr. Marlowe in that sum as
they were bound to do, GRE
would be entitled to be reimbursed that sum by United Standard. United Standard in their turn,
as they had already paid the
£227.59 to Mr. Hobbs, would be
entitled under their right of subrogation to recover it from Mr.
Hobbs. So neither Mr. Hobbs nor
United Standard had anything to
gain from Mr. Hobbs suling Mr.
Marlowe for the £227.59.

Mr. Hobbs was a member of the

Marlowe for the 1227.59.

Mr Hobbs was a member of the Automobile Association and entitled to use their claims recovery scheme, which provided the services of solicitors to recover claims for which the member had not been indemnified by his insurers. Some 11,000 claims were dealt with each year, over half for less than £100. Of the latter, nine out of 10 were settled without litigation. In those cases, it had been the general practice until 1973 for the other party's insurers to pa yithe AA solicitors' charges on the basis of the party and party costs which might have been recovered had the matter been litigated.

In 1973, however, the small

In 1973, however, the small claims scheme was started in the county courts with a consequent amendment of the rules as to costs. As a result, no solicitors' charges were allowed as between party and party where the sum claimed did not exceed £75, now

The majority of insurers continued to settle cases on the basis of allowing the AA's solicitors the costs which would have been recoverable in litigation before the new rule. GRE were an exception. To bring them into line with the others, the AA solicitors adopted the practice of claiming, or threatening to claim, in county court proceedings the full amount of the damage including the sum 'already paid to the plaintiff by his own insurers.

The sole purpose of those tactics was to enable the AA to recover a sum for their solicitors charges greater than that which would have been recoverable in litigation if the claim in the liti-gation had been limited to the amount which their member had at

The present case was brought to test the AA solicitors' right to adopt those factics. The amount claimed in the summons was £313.62 (damages of £301.12 and small amounts for court fees, etc.). The action was brought, as it had to be, in Mr Hobbs's name, with his nominal consent. It was defended by GRE in the name of

Mr Marlowe, whose negligence was admitted. In July, 1974, they paid 573.53 into court in satisfaction of Mr Hobbs's claim. That was all he had any personal interest in recovering; his no-claims home was not in jernardy. claims bonus was not in jeopardy. United Standard took no part in the proceedings, and gave Mr

Hobbs no instructions. The county court judge bold that he was bound by Morley v Moore (1936) 2 KB 359) to enter judgment for Mr Hobbs for the full amount of £301.12, but he exercised his discretion to deprive

for less than £75.

As respected £227.59 which had already been paid to Mr Hcbbs by United Standard, that was paid to the registrar on Mr Marlowe's behalf by GRE as his insurers. On receipt of that sum Mr Hobbs, if he ever in fact received it, would have held it on behalf of United Standard under their right of subregation and United Standard. of subrogation, and United Stan-dard would have been under a contractual duty under the knockfor-knock agreement to pay it back to GRE. It would thus come round full circle back into the hands of GRE.

round full circle back into the hands of GRE.

His Lordship took it to be clear beyond all argument that an assured under a policy insuring him against loss of or damage to a chattel, on being indemnified by his insurers for a loss he had sustained, did not thereby lose his right of action against the wrong-doer who had caused the loss. Under the doctrine of subrogation he must bring an action against the wrongdoer if he was called on by his insurer to do so and was indemnified against the costs, but it was his own cause of action, not that of his insurer, that he sued on; as against the wrongdoer the insurer had no cause of action of his own. In Mortey v Moore the Court of Appeal held that the existence of a knock-for-knock agreement between the insurers did not deprive the plaintiff of his right of action against the defendent for the full amount of the damage that he had sustained, though he would be under a duty to hand over to his insurers that part of the total damages recovered for wirich he had already been indemnified by them.

The defendant had made a

The defendant had made a valiant effort to convince their Lordships that the radio decidendi of Moriey v Moore, in so far as it held that the existence of a knockfor-knock agreement between the parties' insurers did not deprive the plaintiff of his cause of action against the defendant for the full amount of the damage to his car, was wrong. Analysis of the successive steps which were necessarily involved in his contention that by the time of action brought the equitable right of interest in Mr Hobbs's right of action as plaintiff against Mr Marlowe had vested in the defendant hinself revealed the propositions involved in the latter steps as unarguable, and his Lordship would dismiss the appeal. The defendant had made dismiss the appeal.

As to the cross-appeal, the judge

had found, as had never been disputed, that "the [plaimiff's] claim was raised from £73.53 to £301.12 on the initiative of the solicitors solely for the purpose of increasing their claim for costs: it was neither contemplated nor it was neither contemplated nor intended that the increase would be of any financial or other bene-fit to Mr Hobbs".

His reasons for depriving the plaintiff of his costs were: "To LORD DIPLOCK said that it had sever been seriously disputed that mose of obtaining costs or of inMr Marlowe had been solely to creasing the costs that a defendent dant may have to pay is an abuse of the process of the court amountof the process of the court amounting in this context to misconduct sufficient to justify the court in depriving the plaintiff of some or all of the costs to which he might otherwise have been endied. A fortiori, in my view, would this be so if, as in the present instance, the plaintiff tas nothing to gain and is not intended to benefit from the institution of the proceedings or the inflation of the claim in question."

the claim in question."

The Court of Appeal had emphasized that the AA solicitor had not been guilty of any impropriety in bringing the present test action. His Lordship would endorse that, and would describe the increase of the claim from £73.53 to £301.12 by the less emotive term "a misuse" of the process of the court, but one which fully justified the judge depriving the plaintiff of his costs other than those which would have been recoverable had the claim been restricted to the amount actually at stake: £73.53.

The AA said that it was a hard-

The AA said that it was a hard-ship that a motorist like Mr Hobbs who, through no fault of his own, had suffered uninsured damage amounting to something less than £100 should have to meet his solifillo should have to meet his soli-citor's reasonable charges for re-covering that sum by settlement.

or Krigarion out of his own pocket or AA subscription instead of their being paid by the wrong-doer's insurers. If that was a hardship it was one which, since the introduction of the small claims scheme into county court procedure, was shared by every member of the public who sought to recover in that court a claim for a lesser sum than the mini-mum amount to which the higher scales of costs that included soli-citors' charges were applicable.

Mr Hobbs also relied, in sup-

Mr Hobbs also relied, in support of the cross-appeal, on Bourne v Stanbridge. There, in not dissimilar circumstances, the

In the instant case the judge's reasons for exercising his discre-tion had been a wholly judicial exercise of a discretion which had been his alone. There were no grounds for interfering with it, and his Lordship would dismiss the cross-appeal.

Lord Simon delivered an opinion agreeing with Lord Diplock, and Lord Salmon agreed with Lord

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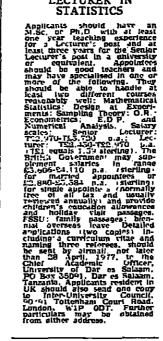
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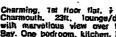
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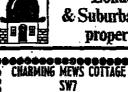
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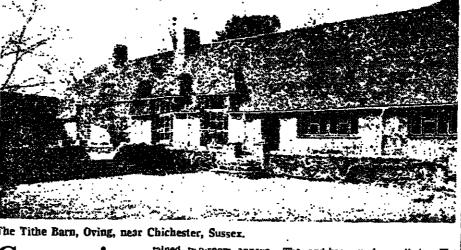
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A chilling fear of collapse in Eastern Europe as Moscow's power dwindles

Eastern Europe seems to be prices drop. In addition, heading into troubled times eastern Europe has had to inagain after several years of vest heavily in Soviet raw relative peace and quiet. Opposition is emerging in new and now not get quite the house more open forms and several peace and control of the house open forms and several peace open forms are several peace open forms and several peace open forms are several peace open forms and several peace open forms are several peace open forms and several peace open forms are several peace open forms and several peace open forms are several peace open forms and several peace open forms are governments show signs of To make matters worse for being jumpy. How deep are eastern Europe, western marthe stresses, and how seriously kets shrank while the price of

After the crushing of the Czechoslovak reforms of 1968 and the Polish strikes of 1970, most governments followed the Soviet lead in giving greater periority to consumer goods, housing, real wages, and trade openings to the West. They hoped that people would grahoped that people would grant the west to make the managerial with managerial housing, real wages, and trade openings to the West. They hoped that people would gradually lose interest in political change and concentrate on the material betterment of their

For a while things went fairly well. New five-year plans started in 1971. Money flowed into pockets, goods flowed (more slowly) into shops, and the high tide of detente seemed to promise political relaxation as well. Even the oil crisis the high tide of detente seemed to promise political relaxation is well. Even the oil crisis brought short-term benefits to eastern Europe, for Soviet oil remained cheap, and consumer prices could be held stable while the West floundered into recession, thereby giving the propagandists a field day which they were not slow to exploit. were not slow to exploit. But the advantage was short-lived. From January, 1975, the Russians began pushing up the price of oil and raw materials on a roung nive-year average of world prices, so that even if eastern Europe were to continue buying the same amount of oil its bill would rise by about 85 per cent by 1978. Czecho-slovakia, which had paid roughly the rouble equivalent of £115m for 10m tonnes of year plan. Targets for the stown of the real weighted according to the economies, national income is planned to grow by 30 per cent over five years, compared with 36 per cent achieved in the previous five-year plan. Targets for the growth of real water have on a rolling five-year average Soviet oil in 1971, found herself paying roughly the equivalent dropped to 18 per cent comparing for 15m tonnes in pared with 29 per cent in 1971-1975, and of course still more 75, with Hungary siming for 1975, and of course still more

East Germany and Hungary ave also been hard hit. have also been hard hit. Although the Russians now pay more for their industrial imports from eastern Europe, it is not enough to compensate. There has been a lot of backstage argument about the price system, which could leave system, which could leave shortages. Results for 1976 are eastern Europe paying above already below target in some tively few intellectuals in the world level if commodity countries, and the Hungarian Prague, East Berlin, Moscow

To make matters worse for should we take warnings that western support for human rights movements could provoke serious instability?

All the countries in the area are having to cope in varying degrees with disappointed hopes in both economics and politics. After the crushing of the Czechoslovak reforms of 1968 and the Polish strikes of 1970, most governments followed the tations—all with managerial and pricing systems deeply resistant to reform, and with the misfortune of some bad

One result was to run several Comecon countries deeply into debt with the West Nobody has the true figures but total

The stresses show in the more modest targets of the new five-year plans which started in 1976. On an average drawn from year plan. Targets for the growth of real wages have only 1416 per cent, Czecho-slovakia 13-15, and Poland 16-18 which people are driven by shortages. Results for 1976 are

regime has admitted that the real income of some families decreased last year.

These problems do not create great hardship, nor difficulties necessarily any greater than those in the West, but they mingle with frustrated political expectations. Determe aroused a mixture of hopes emong governments and peoples. Both wanted curbs on the arms
race and openings to the West,
but whereas governments
wanted greater international
legitimacy and carefully controlled exchanges, the people hoped for more individual freedoms. The people's hopes were raised by the Helsinki conference of 1975 and are now being expressed more vigorously in order to influence this year's conference in Belgrade, which will review the results of Helsinki. Further resident Carter's open espousal of human rights. Although nobody expects him to come riching into Eastern Europe on a white horse, still less on a tank, the moral sup-

The basic problem touched by this issue is that two famihar props of the regimes are weakening external chreat and revolutionary necessity. The external threat was once embodied by West Germany or Nato, and during the cold war it carried some conviction as a reason for maintaining armed vigilance and internal controls. tente, no matter how interpreted, is bound to make it less convincing. The threat now is ideological penetration, but this is seen by many as more of an attraction then a threat,

port and publicity are import-

and does nothing to mobilize national sentiment. The imperatives of revolutionary transition also pro-vided useful excuses for almost everything from show trials to economic short-ages and censorship, but new generations are growing up less impressed and less frightened. They want now what the system used to promise for the golden future. Governments must therefore win legitimacy by results, not by doctrines or

On top of all this comes the new face of west European communism. Support for its speciand elsewhere, but the effect of the challenge goes deeper. When west European commun

ists can come to East Berlin, as they did last June, and say openly that the Soviet Union is no longer any sort of model for them, and when they then have their speeches published in full in the East German party paper, a taboo has been broken. The authority of Moscow can never look the same again in eastern Europe, where there are cer-tainly people inside the ruling apparatus who pin quiet hopes on the Italian example and know they have no hope of legitimacy until they bring their systems closer to the traditions central and western Europe. Eastern Europe is thus en-

tering a phase of new stres between government and people and especially in economic reand—especially in economic re-lations—between governments and the Soviet Union. The task of coping with them is made more difficult by the widening age gap between leaders and led, and by uncertainty about the future leadership of the Soviet Union Everyone knows of course, that in the last re-sort Soviet tanks will always come to the rescue of the sys-tems in eastern Europe. But everyone also knows that an other armed intervention would be enormously costly and that the Russians would be very anxious to avoid it, particularly in Poland, where the Polisi army might fight.

Hence there is room for care ful testing of the limits of the possible. This might slide out possible. This might slide out warrum at the top since Chou of control if there were simul. Ends became ill in 1974 and taneous instability in the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia and some other key places, but on the whole the fear of a breakdown tory, order in Europe is still sufficiently chilling to exert powerful restraints on all con-cerned. It therefore seems unlikely that there is much immediate danger of serious in-stability, even if the West continues to champion human rights in a realistic manner. On the other hand, the stresses will not go away, some may get worse, new ways of dealing with them will have to be found, and there will be sharper debates between those who want to suppress them and

those who want to accommodate



Denis Hamilton with his wife Lady Hamilton and the editorial staff of the People's Daily in Peking.

me a copy. It had 200 blank pages.

What, then, can one say of this enigmatic land after a second visit to Peking in five years? The language problems are too great to talk freely to anyone and unless one sees the too leadership, every Chinese sticks closely to the Party line, communicated by a remarkable internal communications system within hours to every commune in the country. Five ambassadors will offer five views of whether the present leadership will last.

Will Hua Knofeng, elected Chairman of the Central Committee, be confirmed as Chairman Mao's successor? He is referred to variously as com-

referred to variously as com-rade or Chairman of the Cen-tral Committee, only some-times as Chairman Hua. His photograph is now appearing on public buildings alongside Mao's. There has been a chairman Mao died last ausumm. Mao, strangely, had failed to fill many of the top places long before he died, one explanation being that he would have had to give in to the Carry of Four ferriors and the Gang of Four faction and appoint their nominees.

How does one view Chairman Hua? At 56, he is one of the youngest members of the Central Committee Obviously, his record shows him to be a loyal Party man—perhaps more of a pragmanist than Chairman Mao. Mao's extremism for the past

15 years is said to have been privately criticized by his colleagues, who thought him somewhat soft on the Gang of Four (defined for me as a

One of the really great men in London and Far East commerce, who was born in China, told me that he had prepared a book entitled "All I Know About China". He promised Out the red carpet for Mrs Thatcher

which he made in a speech of September, 1956, as proof that he had laid down the right policy for modernization and inferring that if there had been lack of speed in develop-ment, it was the fault of those who had to execute the poli-

cies. Huz has never left China. I Hua has never left China. I was told by one very senior ambassador that Hua was an expert on internal security and that some in the higher leadership were saying that he was always asking what he should do outside his own speciality. This is inevitable while he plays himself in Another plays himself in Another ambassador thought he would They were genuinely puzzled about Lin Piao's disgrace (he was next to Mao in 1969), but they were full of "jubilation" (a word used by all) that the Gang of Four had been stopped from causing a deep splir in the Party which was becoming very apparent. Hua obviously gained in authority through his handling of the earthquakes when Mao was

the new regime to settle down resolve but violent unsets are never far below the surface in Richard Davy

Richard Davy

Westerner by a Chinese official, as the "Chinese Mafia"). badly need foreign exchange Because they know that Mao's reserves to sinance purchase of

policies in his last decade foreign equipment; a quick one's liberalism must not be leave him open to criticism, way would be the export of over-romantic, and the entire the Government has recently oil. subjection of the individual to published. Mao's 10 points, Teng Historoping is needed the state on a scale never

Teng Hsiao ping is needed back to put some force into the economy, which filegged last year, but a decision is obviously being held back as he might be too dynamic to work with Chairman Hua Kuo-

work with Charman Hua Kuo-feng.

One man who carries a heavy load today is Li Hsien-nien. He is in charge of the financial area of government. He is extremely fluent—his handling of words could make a piece of string sound in-teresting. Some wall news-papers named him as Chou's successor after Teng's downsuccessor after Tengo downfall, but this was premature.

The enormous popularity of Chou Endai was shown by queues which formed after the issue of four postage stamps in his memory. Displays of photo-graphs of his life are drawing crowds everywhere. History will show him to have contributed as much as Mao in organizing communist China. If Map had died first and Chou succeeded, modernization would have undoubtedly would have undoubtedly reached a bigher stage than at present. The Chinese were a kitle frightened of Mao and where he was taking them (the Cultural Revolution was his). The decision to give Chou's widow a senior post was very popular with the masses. One cannot but admire Chine's achievements so far, whatever the cost to individual

looks fit and disciplined, so a long period of growth free from internal and external strate should produce fantastic results. But how can these 800 million people mostly peasants, handle rapid modernization? No one seems to have any doubt that the Chaese relation has a product on the chaese solution has worked so far, and that the West, by contrast, has lost its nerve. However, over-romantic, and the entire subjection of the individual to the state on a scale never astempted before would be an unshappy state of affairs if it

were permanent.

British trade may have an opportunity when the new leadership revives the moderniza-tion programmes under the new five-year plan. The trouble with the really big construc-tion contracts is our inability tion contracts is our inability to give guaranteed fixed prices. The United States is unlikely to get major orders until there is a better under, standing on Taiwan, but, reali-tically, China is not pressing

My interview with Li Hsien mien was surprising in that he chose to be so outspoken about Russia's involvement in Africa. long term, and the Chinese are uncertain about the line to take when they so obviously trate the racial discrimination in South Africa: Indeed, the Vice-Foreign Secretary, at another meeting, said he would prefer armaments to be with held from South Africa, much as they wished to keep it out of Russia's orbit, rather than accepting racial discrimination.

Li will be meeting Mrs Tharcher next week. She is really going to get the red car-per treatment because the Chinese identify her as being "hard" on Russia, whereas the Labour Party is seen to be

Denis Hamilton

Beating the extreme left at its own game

Bernard Levin

to which I have been driven by union members to attend their circumstances which were none of my choosing, forms the substance of what I have to say published the names of moderstance of what I have to say published the names of moderstance. Soon after that I decided to pate in union elections; I have start attending the monthly published the names of moderstance. today, and I think it unlikely that it will be the last time I turn to the subject. Though the fact that it is certainly the first is itself part of the story.

I have long made it my practice to comment on the affairs of various trade unions, and to comment not only in general, by discussing principles or policies, but in detail, especially on the subject of the election of officers. My thems —in the case, for instance, of the AUEW—has always been the same: that the only reason for the success of Brezhnevite, Trotskyite and other varieties of communist, together with their front-men and fellowtravellers, has been the apathy and indifference of the majority of members who, like the majority of the country in general, reject all forms of totalitarian-

Never practise what you preach. This gloomy conclusion. In this connexion, I have not outraged by this flouting of the been content simply to urge majority's clear instructions, it to which I have been driven by union members to attend their upheld the decision.

mist opponents Now I have been a member f the National Union of Journalists for well over 20 years; As regular readers will know, until the last few years, however, I had been a largely in-active member, rarely going to meetings, and voting only in-postal elections for national officers. I finally decided to play a more active part after the scandal surrounding the NUPs decision not to be registered under the Industrial Relations Act 1971. The prin-Relations Art 1971. The principle of deregistration was not what roused me; though as a matter of fact I was in favour of the organization registering. But the scaudal lay in the fact that although the union, in a national postal ballot, voted for registration by a majority of almost two to one, the annual conference of the organization (which had the constitutional ism, whether under the banner of the Communist Party of course, duty, ro ratify so clear an expression of the members will) voted to deregister, and when a special further conference was called, at the instigation of members.

Branch. I was appalled by what I saw there: a tiny group of left-wing extremists, holding and propagating views that I was quite certain were not shared by more than a tiny fraction of the branch's membership (it is one of the largest divisions of the union, with some 2,000 union, with some Z,000 members), were dominating the

proceedings. They were able to do this because of the pitifully thin attendance at the meetings; an evening at which 40 members turned up (out of 2,000!) was a good one. The classic tech-niques, about which I have written so often, were employed; the irrelevant and employed; the irrelevant and time-wasting motions, the protracting of the proceedings until moderate members had gone home, the bogus points of order, the party line, the disciplined voting, the willingness to volunteer.

As you will realize, nor all of the actions described in that loss extenses are the contents.

totalitarian ends, would be admirable. They are assiduous; they clearly care nothing for personal affiluence or presige; they are patient; they are conspicuously loyal to their cause and to each other. And that cause triumphs, when it does, because those who reject does, because those who reject it, who are the great majority, fail to match those qualities with their own.
So, with the ene—one!—
other member whom I recog-

mized at a meeting, I decided to do something about it. We were grotesquely handicapped set the outset; we knew none of the regular attenders, and were, it seemed, debarred from inspecting the member-ship told to seek familiar names we might recruit as adies. We were reduced to observing, at meetings, those who voted regularly on the same side as ourselves, taking them aside and inviting them to join us in our endeavour. By this means we recruited a nucleus of some 10 members, last sentence are to be con-demned; many of the left

extremists have qualities and held the first of a series which, directed to non of meetings to devise and of meetings to devise and Carry through a strategy.

At this point, you may be wondering why I did not run the campaign in this column. Because, difficult though it may be to believe, a branch of the National Union of Journalists had a rule in its standing orders which unambiguously and absolutely forbade any

mauthorized publication of anything about the branch's activities. That rule has now been changed; and the changof it, and much else, has come about because our strategy was ultimately successful. At the January branch meeting, the largest the branch had ever held (200 members were there), which took place some 18 months after we launched our campaign, moderate mem-bers put forward or supported by our activist group (they range from passionate but impercably democratic socialists to moderate Conservatives) swept the board for the branch

majority continued its advance, the moderates seem quite unthis column, will do democracy winning hands down the electron described to get the habit of coming any good. The next meeting of tion for the branch's delegation to meetings regularly. There are the London Freelance Branch winning hands down the election for the branch's delegation to meetings regularly. There are to the union's conference later only 11 such meetings a year, only in month; and at the March only have no send out enhormations, amid uproar, the new only have no send out enhormations orders, which may the branch to waste bulletins have been necessary by Ludgate Circus), and will start at 6 pm. (Under our new start at 6 pm.) were adopted.

This has all been done by an

immense amount of hard work on the part of our inner group. We have gone out into the high-ways and byways to recruit new allies; every time we have found one, we have got him or her to supply us with further names of members known to be against the extremists; every name has gone towards the compilation of the mailing-list which has enabled us (I send out an irregular and unofficial "bulletin") to urge menthers to come to meetings, and telling them who the moderate candidates for elections are. (The left, of course, has done all this for years, and one of the few amusing aspects of the campaign has been the extraordinary show of indignation they have put on at the sight of a leaf being taken

It has not only been hard work; it has also, though so far very successful, been in some ways dispiration. For many of

for a single meeting); our inner group has also had no spend a vast amount of time telephoning supporters to urge them to be there end to stay to the end. And the feebleness of some of the excuses is the most dispirit-

ing thing of all.

And yet, after all, what the portant; certainly the left ex-tremists (they have a national body within the union, called Journalists' Charter) know that, moderate policies. and have as their goal the con-trol of the union and its use as an instrument for their own political ends. (That, incidentally, is one of our handicaps; having no party line to unite us, and having among our chief aims the making of the union not only more responsive to the wishes of most of its members but less divosed to second its but less disposed to spend its time on extraneous issues.)
Well, let us see whether the change in the standing orders, which has enabled me to write

start at 6 pm. (Under our new rules, it cannot last beyond 9.30.) Among other matters to be discussed are the branch delegation's mandate for the various resolutions at the annual conference, and a number of votes of no confidence in the newly-elected committee and argument is about is democracy. The NUJ, where democracy is concerned, is not entirely unimothers, or urge them to come, too; to stay to the end; and to support the committee and

> It remains only for me to add one irony: though I have been, as members of any persuasion would agree, assiduous in my own attendance, inescap able work obligations make it impossible for me, for once, to attend on Monday. If any are disposed to use that as their excuse for not coming themselves, so be it. At any rate, it will be a change from the one about the baby-sitter rurning up

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Alfa Romeo

I had never been to a fashion show and, since there is not much time left, I accepted the invitation to a London gambling club yesterday to see what Yuki had to offer. Yuki is a Japanese designer, based in London, with something of a reputation for haute couture. This was to be a big occasion; his first range of a big occasion; his first range of

ready-to-wear clothes.
On arrivial I was directed upstairs, where the fashion writers were having breakfast. They were an odd-looking bunch of women, many of them wery tall, mostly over-dressed and too heavily made-up for the time of day.

Many wore tan boots reach-ing to just below the knee, some beneath jodhpur-style

leggings, others with mid-length skirts. They told each other how good they were looking, and inquired whether they had enjoyed Paris.

Downstairs, the seats were arranged round an oblong space

where the models were to parade. Yuki appeared, wearing a black velvet jerkin with no fastening at the front. It reminded me of the nunc I used to wear in the Royal Navy, and I expect he had almost as much trouble getting it on.

In his brief and soft-spoken introduction, he announced that was going to dispense with the usual background music, so that we could concentrate on the clothes. This was the first disappointment. I had been looking forward to the tinkly renderings of A Pretty-Girl is Like a Melody, which I had understood accompanied such affairs.

It was a winter collection, and Yuki is expecting some extreme weather, for the models

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But are women ready to wear it?

peered out from between, as though through the visor of an armoured helmer. Many of the tops stretched down to the middle of the wearers' thighs, keeping their bottoms well wrapped good for smart week-end parties in country houses with no central heating.

The accessories were intrigu-ing. Many of the dresses were worn with circular hats shaped hke ring doughnuts, the crown of the head poking through the middle. One model wore what I can only describe as a giant false eyelash which covered the whole width of her forehead, without a break.

The clothes seemed attractive, heavily angular in shape and with a look which I imagine is what they mean by ethnic. Yuki is fond of tartan, which represents a sort of ethnicity in itself. I could not, though, imagine

anyone I know wearing them, except models or fashion Justow Serious, my football corwriters. They may be ready to wear, but is anyone ready to wear them? What, then, was for English football at Wembley I to make of his haute couture on Wednesday night. The flower allocation which followed a serious with the flower of the serious which followed a serious which followed a serious with the flower of the serious which followed a serious with the flower of the serious which followed a serious with the flower of the serious with the collection which followed? and Yuki is expecting some For that he employed a new the first and second divisions, extreme weather, for the models set of models, many of them were humiliated by a team of were all well wrapped up. Many foreign—perhaps calculating part-timers and no-hopers from

of the dresses had high collars that only foreigners could reaching above the chin, worn afford the prices. And the perwith balaclava-like woollen hats which came down below been replaced by something the ears. The models' faces which looked like a giant ampersand.
The show had been going

committee, capturing every seat. In February, the branch

for more than an hour by now, and the audience were becomand the audience were becoming restive. They began to behave like schoolgirls being filmed for a television documentary: a few sucked boiled sweets, and I saw one handing round a note to her near neighbours, who giggled.

A few of us sneaked away before the end, and as I did so I asked the fashion editor of the Evening Standard whether is had been an impres-

of the Evening Standard whether it had been an impressive show. She said yes, it had. But then I put it to her that nobody in my life ever wore clothes like that.

She had a ready explanation. "Can you imagine", she asked, " anyone dressed like that going out with a man in a Marks and Spencer velvet jacket?" Ouch.

Our shame

of British skill, the cream of

the tiny principality of Luxem-There were no excuses for the feeble British. True, they

had dozens of near misses. True, the referee gave some amazing decisions—like his refusal to award a penalty when an England player was assassinated in the goal area. But getting the ball in the back of the net is what it is all about, and that we were dismally lacking. The gallant little Luxembourgers-who have not won a game since they beat Prussia in

1873-were jubilant. "I am jubilant," declared Natzo Gud, their diminutive manager. "Especially since I had two men on my side who had never played football before."
There was jubilation too from Italy, now confident of keeping England out of the World Cup final in Argentina. Baccuzzi Net,

their shrewd soccer boss, slipped out of Wembley last night wearing an enigmetic smile. "I would say it is back to the drawing board for Ingland now." he said. He is right. No Briton can do

anything but hang his head in Result: England 5, Luxem-

An outraged member of the Upper House sends me this extract from the House's extract from the House's minutes of proceedings as an example of the terrible indignities their Lordships inflict on successful petitioners: "Report made by the Lord Chancellor that Gerald Duke of Leinster has established his claim to the Dukedom of Lainster; and ordered to lie on the Table."



Oh, my

Jeremy Robson of Robson Books thinks he is on to a winner with his new series of books about people's adventures at their places of further education. He felt confident enough of their appeal to give a reasonably lavish party at a West End club on Wednesday night to launch My Oxford and My Cambridge.

He told me that these would

be followed by My LSE, My Medical School, My Drama School and perhaps, tapping the rich American market, My Har-

vard. My Yale and My Vassar. The series was the idea of Dannie Abse, poet and envergeneur, who edits it.

Several of the contributors to the first two books were at the party, though Oxford was better represented than Cambridge. To identify themselves, they wore land badges of light they wore lapel badges of light or dark blue, but this was little help to me, because I can never remember which colour is for

I noticed that many of the faces were the same as those I had seen at the notorious lunch I wrote about last week. at which £70 gold-plated pens were distributed to the guests-Whatever else an education at those famous seats of learning qualifies people for, it does seem to put them in the way of receiving pricey trinkets. names than those from people who came down more recently. The more names that are mentioned in a book of this sort, the larger its guaranteed sale. "But there is no index", the cunning Robson told me. "So people who want to know if they are mentioned will have to read through the whole thing."

Lord Bath, bidding fearless journalists to a press conference at Longleat next week, says, in his invitation: "We hope to see you at the limit reserve, and afterwards at Long-leat House for a drink and a bite."

June Carl Culture



Holidays in Greece

a Special Report

Sunny release from prison of routine

Recently, after yet another birthday. I was suddenly there were holidays by the childed by the thought of being no old to gravel to Greece. What, I wondered, would it be like to hear of friends departing for Athens, Crete or Samos and to know that never again would I enjoy that first glimpse from the air of Corfu in the soft blue lonian, fainety enshrouded in summer haze, or, before landing at Salonica, see Mount Olympos to the south or three-pronged Khalkidhaki, pointing like a rident south eastwards across the cobela Aegean I shall of course have I shall of course have I shall for course have I shall try to stifle regrets in the Mediterranean. I shall try to stifle regrets in the comment of the middle 1950s, there were holidays by the there were holidays by the Age Achaeans and their their were holidays by the Age Achaeans and their horizon. Successors, there were holidays by the Age Achaeans and their horizon from the surrous starting with that wonderful feeling, when first stepping there were holidays by the Age Achaeans and their horizon. Successors, there were holidays by the Age Achaeans and their Age Achaeans and their horizon from the summer sun, of release, however brief, from the prison of routine. Behind the sandy beach rose alive morthern Greece only in provide the sandy beach rose alive morthern Greece only in slands beckoning from the searous of their passing who were expelled from the sandy beach rose alive morthern Greece only in provide the baunting shapes of values and their came, and their came, among others, founties, Goths, Slave, land-their who were expelled from the sandy beach rose alive morthern Greece only in provide the sandy beach rose alive expelled from the s

I shall, of course, have I shall try to stifle regrets its climate. As more roads my memories, first of the on that score, even when are opened to cope with wide shining valley of Lak the new architecture is this new craffic, more kasouli in Epirus, rimmed quite out of scale with the coaches rumble along them on the west by the rugged landscape. The Greeks have to the better known sites of mountains of Souli. Two been invaded, fought and antiquity. Traditional architecture water unite halfway European nanons and have a elsewhere, to make way down the valley to form the Acheron, river of the dead. Death, however, was not here but beyond Lakka.

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The would also be checked that make the weight to deplore the opening up has made television possible, to the multinudes of one's with sometimes considerational forces are always eventually attitudes; the rural populative for their retreat back to person", C. E. Mortague tional folk costumes, now this there were thousant of as deployable all.

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EDES guerrillas, we shared a peoples have been conbottle of tsipouro, the home tinually lured towards this
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not fade and the irrepressamber as offerings to Delos, sible ghosts of my Greek long before the Arhenians friends will keep me company in the twilight hours. ruary.

where in the Mediterranean, to Greece by its renown and

thought of as deplorably old fashioned, much to the plea-We passed at that time take the chances of life as fashioned, much to the pleathrough a wretched hamlet they come. If it is great it sure and profit of the whose few inhabitants were must face the normal antique dealers.

The same wealth has also

but is no longer endemic in In any case, the Greek that remote region. Tradi coastline is a long one tion impelled them to offer There will always be havens meant larger adjocations of funds to archaeology and much of great value has been revealed as a result.

Today Greece is immensely

The same wealth has also

Balconies form a trellis for vines at Arnaía on the Khalkidhiki peninsula.

and decided on the areas I loanning beside its green from ceiling to floor with Sarakatsani shepherds, live of development too much know best—the Ionian Islands, Epirus and Mace-donia. In the Ionian not only Iuxuriant Corfu but Zakyuthos, Cephalonia and Irhaca also call.

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So I started wondering where I should go in Greece about the settings of Yian-nits and Edhessa on the tine monasteries, the interpolated by the steep grazer of the chapels painted in grounded by the steep grazer ream. I only hope that they loanning beside its green from ceiling to floor with Sarakasani shepherds, live of development too much stands, Epirus and Macedonia. In the Ionian not have a last of the steep and the Pindus mountains, kandscape to life. Together where in stone villages, surface in stone villages, surface in grant in the present pace of the chapels painted in grant shepherds, live of development too much for them.

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Aiming to set an example

by Mario Modiano

modate, feed, and entertain, country where development—a modate, feed, and entertain, country where development without harming the very keeps pace with the protection and even the improvement of the environment, he added.

These misgivings were the added.

large-scale development, local people are appreciate especially in the most beau ing what we are doing to tiful areas of the country, preserve the national herard that it threatens to in itage, and are willing to crease pollution, alter the cooperate."

certainly aware of the haz vestment would be £1,600 to ards involved and is already £2,000 a bed, against £8,000 making plans to neutralize to £9,500 for a bed in an the adverse side-effects of hotel. the tourist boom.

disadvantages is to dis- the traditional sertlements, courage the construction of "Even more important is massive tourist conglou- that in this way you develop erates, but build instead areas which are not amensmall family hotels of 100 able to other forms of or 150 rooms, which tend to economic development", the

environment. He said: "What we are looking for

Is Greek tourism nearing Tourism itself could not saturation point? After all exist without conservation, how many foreign holiday the said. "We want to make makers can this country of Greece a model country for hims willion people."

them?

These misgivings were born in the wake of a particularly successful tourist year in 1976 when the number of foreign visitors soared by one third to a record of 4,243,563.

Mr George Reliis who, as minister in charge of the Prime Minister's Office, is responsible for laying down the Government's policy on tourism, says: "I believe that by 1982 we shall have 6,500,000 tourists each spending 12 days in Greece."

Some people thought that this was the maximum Greece could ever take. "Nonsense", Mr Rellis said. "What we must do is to increase the inflow gradually without creating problems for the country or for the tourist."

The minister was opposed to tourism on a gigantic scale because of the risks involved: "If in one year you get 20 million tourists, and in the next this drops to 10 million, your private tourist industry will be exterminated", he said.

Many Greeks believe that tourism is already affecting

Many Greeks believe that in such houses this year, tourism is already affecting Next year 800 beds. And the environment through there are signs that the large-scale development, local people are appreciate the state of the sta

society, and corrupt the traditional settlements was nation's cultural values. also financially sound as ation's cultural values. also financially sound as The Greek Government is under the project the in-

One way of diluting these spending £2m this year for

It is most fitting that a people with such a feeling for fun, music and life itself, should choose me as their favourite god.



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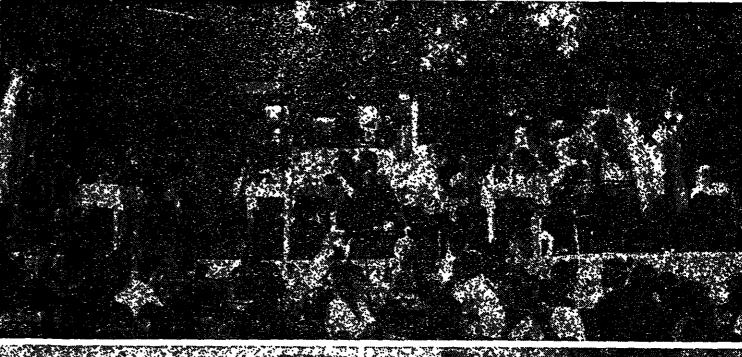
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Once you have your base, you can set out to discover the city. For the past 2,500 years visiting Anhens has meant seeing the Acropolis. This year one sees scaffolding and workmen there, as the experts work to save the monuments of the Acropolis.

Another day should be street in the Plaka provides a gimpse of the interior of Possidon and the drive and old village house as it against the ingst have been. It is a recomstruction of a room, decorated with wall paintings by the primitive painting

the experts work to save the monuments of the Acropolis from the ravages of the pollution produced by the old quarter of modern Athens. Despite soaffolding the Parthenon remains majestic.

There is much to be said for going on to the National Museum while the impressions of the Acropolis are still fresh in one's mind. Its the world's great of the Acropolis.

The world's great for the diner.

Greek embroideries and cost those who want to make a day of it.

One of Athens's newest museums is high up in the plaka. The Kanellopoulos Museum, a heardsome neodlassical mansion, houses a collection of pontery, ceraming of the Marional with small, old-fashioned with small, old-fashioned with small, old-fashioned with small, old-fashioned houses, artisans' shops and of the Acropolis.

The Arhens files market, Monastinski, is chose to the plaka, it is unlikely to yield any spectacular bargains on.

taip to Byzantium. The first stop should be the Byzan-tine Museum, which oddly enough is housed in a Florentine-styled villa. The museum contains an enormous collection of ikons and models of churches. Follow the museum visit with a picnic lunch near the Kaisariani Monastery. The eleventh-century Byzantine monastery stands on the pine-covered slopes of Mount Hymettus, where old women gather wild thyme and sage. The monastery precincts are cool and haded even on the holtest

A late afternoon trip to the eleventh-century church and cloister at Daphni, with its magnificent mosaics, could round off the day. There is also the summer wine festival at Daphoi. with lashings of Greek music and dance.

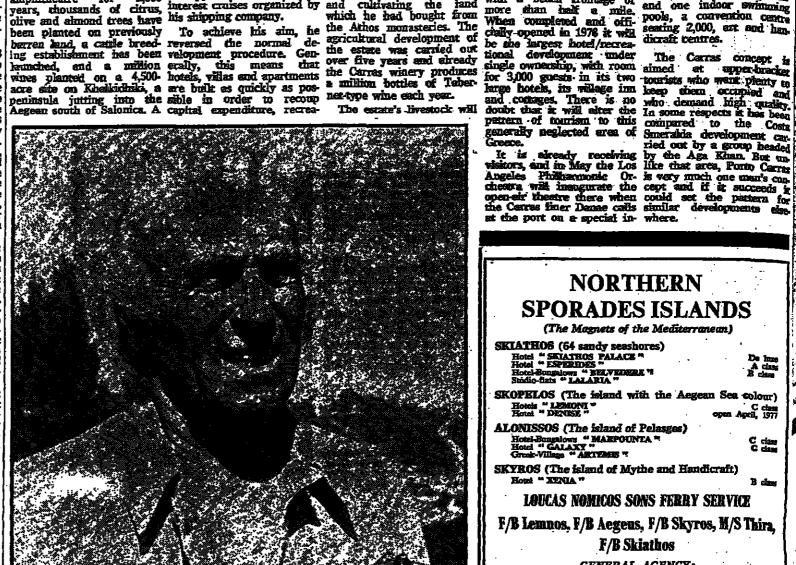
Another day in Athens might well start with a look at Athens from a different angle. Go to the top of Mount Lycabettos, the city's other hill. A funicular climbs to a whitewashed chapel at the summit and a

ined with brightly coloured restaurant awnings makes a perfect scene for travel pos-ters. Akhough the place has most definitely been "discovered" the Athenians themselves sail go there for Tourkolimano's engaging Tourkolimano's engaging mixture of retsina, fish, Greek salad and boats. In hot weather it is best to go there at dinner time.

Khalkidhiki: the first resort

by John Carter

The Carras concept was to the resort of holiday resort development from a different view point, the Greeks are building their first sizable amphitheatre for 2,000 as applied to the special ting in a network of roads amphitheatre for 2,000 as applied to the special ting in a network of roads of all amond trees have planted on previously bear and almond trees have here over five years and almond trees have been planted on previously for a simple policy and almond trees have been planted on previously for a simple policy and almond trees have been planted on previously for a simple policy and almond trees have been planted on previously for a simple proclare. Generally a more planted on previously bear and almond trees have been planted on previously bear and almond trees have been planted on previously bear and almond trees have been planted on previously bear and almond trees have been planted on previously bear and almond trees have been planted on previously bear and almond trees have been planted on previously bear and almond trees have been planted on previously bear and almond trees have been planted and a million and almond trees have been planted and a million and almond trees have been planted and a million and almond trees have been planted and a million and a



Mr John C. Carras, photographed at Porto Carras, the estate he is developing in Khalkidhiki. In addition to the tourist area, due to open in 1978, the estate includes vineyards, citrus plantations, olive groves and farms.

Crete: proud and singular people

thady terrace, nice mezes the ambition to know The usually forgotten ing, understanding and unda view.

Part of the panorama sound which to me then (from the fall of the paest. seemed almost indistinguish. Minoan civilization to the Cretans can seem the

Som half a dozen men and holding hands, began to perform a measured cir-The leader, secured to the next man by a handkerchief grasped by both, would perform occasional feats of bravado, twists, leaps and calf slappings, until finally breaking free he would pervanus, twists, temps and can slappings, until finally breaking free he would per-form a last leaping dance attop a chair or table, before

joining the rear of the file and ceding the lead to the

It was not so much the elegance, grace and emotion (finely poised in that uncertain area between exuberance and grief) of the cance that moved me as that these were all elderly, ordinary men: for all I knew the local grocer, road mender, dustman and plumber, all middle aged or beyond, all moved by some emotion, tradition and abihiy unknown to or forgotten by their Western European counterparts. I had to know what and why.

I imagine that Adam Hop kins, the author of Crete, Its Past, Present and People (Faber £5.50), must have had a similar experience. In any event he has written the book I wish I had had on my first visit to Crete. It is essentially a primer, assuming that we are beginners to Crete and Greece. Its only irrhant is also the hallmark of its success: it tions as it enswers and leaves one hungry for more (to which end there is a voluminous hibliography)—
not least for more of the
evocative line drawings by
Victor Shreeve.

The format Hopkins has chosen, a quick canter through 3,500 years of history from Minoan times to the present, capped with some defily and sensitively penned postrairs. penned portraits of the modern island and its people, is ideally suited to his purpose, for the Cretans, more than any other Euro peans, have been moulded by their geography and his-tory. I am grateful for having my attention drawn to what I always knew but never realized: that the essential beauty of Minoan artifacts is that they never portray pomp or war. I am prejudiced about the Minoans, believing that their contribution to Euro-

pean culture has been un-

derrated and that it owes much to the freedom, if not

the sea, and on a clear day, the islands. On some days however one can also see the cloud of smog that is damaging the Acropolis monuments. Halfway down the hill a cafe offers a shedy terrace, nice mezes and a view and a

Tourkolimano, the picture able from the wail of a tome lesque small boat port half-way between Athens and Piraeus. It may seem familiar because the harbour of the island.

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and singular a race". He has the honesty admir the failings of the ers has all the antimonies of modern Cretans (especially a love affear. The compulwhen given reinforced con-sion to know as much as creee to build with) and possible about the past and that they are not always an present of the loved one is easy, people to know. The overwhelming, and any setforeigner, overwhelmed by back serves only to excite their philoxenia (love of the appetite still more.

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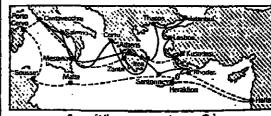
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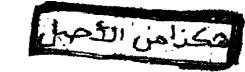
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by Gladys Nicol

National Organization (ETO) also believes that will have neighbourly half the attraction for Greeks in the vicinity, but visitors to their country is for occupation before 1978. the opportunity to meet and Another interesting restoration is taking place at Lambinou Monastery in the carcerated in tourist complexes meeting only other tourists. The organization believes it has found a solution which could offer this and could, at the same time, provide the work to stop the inevitable drift to the already overcrowded cities

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The ETO will continue to through Greece and cover livest in tourist accommoda-livest in tourist accommoda-architecture and ways of on, but by adapting some life. the most interesting and

final scale of charges has not yet been fixed.

For some time it has been are much larger in concept. obvious that a halt must be Mostly, they are tailer and called to the indiscriminate larger, as befits both lands-building of hotels along will offer an interesting both the mainland and opportunity for holiday island coastlines of Greece visitors to stay in properties if the highly individual otherwise seldom open to foreigners. The eight houses scheduled for restoration in the villages of Visitsa and Tourist Makrintsa, will have 15 and Greece 20 rooms apiece, and again

the inevitable drift to the the Pelopounese, one is at already overcrowded cities Fiskardo in Cephalonia, and at Zagoria in northern members of rural communipleted, the traditional settlements will be scattered the traditional settlements will be scattered.

The idea is not new. Even que traditional houses in within Greece, there is values provinces so that already one delightful privathe olidaymaker will come tely restored village proving to villages rather than the villages rather than inologically popular with inological proving exceptionally popular with inological proving the villages should distured in the brochures of Affsun, Erna Low, Olympos, visitor he scheme is ambiard and Travel Workshop. This tious, his also costly, for is at Koutsounari in southinitial olay is expected to ern Crete, near Ierapetra, and is the brainchild of Work has begun on both the interiod and exterior Crete is so successful.

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Cox and King's Special Interest holidays (14 days drove along country roads from about £250) include two spring tours to Corfu (where more than 130 specials in the procharge of poppies and brilliant blue last year) "to catch the last year" to catch the luggage of any flower as a special bird tour of exterior Crete is so successful.

making private arrange-ments a similar cottage cottage

Haunting memories

by Joyce Rackham

some of the most vivid and to hang on bicycle handle haunting are those of the bars or decorate car bon sight and scent of the nets. flowers and plants, both wild and cultivated, which cover the land in such rich variety. Spring visits pro- to ancient vide the greatest visual times with bird-watching or treats, while in mid-summer, tours of national parks, with so much of the Peregrine Holidays, part of countryside wilting in great Town and Gown of Oxford.

and brilliantly-coloured cro- restrial orchids.
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Marine Venus, written after running spring and autumn a stay in Rhodes, gives a sites and flower tours to fascinating and useful Short Northern Greece and to Calendar of Saints and Crete—costing from about Flowers, at the end, adding £400 for two weeks. The a few local superstitions former includes the chance and legends to good effect. to go plant-hunting on the carrier wist to Rhodes. Mount Paragesus On a spring visit to Rhodes, Mount Parnessus.
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Costs at Koutsoumari vary enthusiast or botanist visitors of Creece should be the operate The Wild Places of newly published Flowers of Greece tours, in essociation Greece by Anthony Huxley with the World Wildlife and Wildiam Taylor (Chatto a combines the essential infor- bird populations. Inhabi-mation on a wide range of tants of the mountains and the flowers and plants with forests near by include On Santorini, for insuce. Mems a similar cottage the flowers and plants with forests near by include some of the myths and wolves, jackals and brown averaging five rooms, re week, including cleaning being restored, while services, linen and so on, the ancient medicinal remethat rour exciting. Chios, at Mesta, 50 hours, but no flights or car hise of a similar size whate included.

particularly popular public holiday when everybody wanted to leave the towns to Of all the memories of flowers in the country. They swarmed over the hills around Knossos, weaving after one's travels are over, garlands of flowers to wear, some of the most wind and

operators arrange special holidays for flower-lovers heat, botanists can make have several imaginative many exciting finds in the tours in Crete, the Pelopmountainous regions where ponese, Macedonia and the flora is remarkable.

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The Corfu Golf and sybarit Country Club is located in either the Ropa Valley, one of the class greens, an annacrive are some clubbouse and a swim-avai ming pool. There are two sesside housis near by and the course is a 15-minute drive from the town of Corfu. The green fees are dr250 a day and the weekly nate is dr1,250. The Third Amateur Championship will be held at the club from

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were served baked red mullet spiked with herbs and a the potatoes statutory, like the hotel at least once a was fabulous. This was the mixed Greek salad topped the butter, we wondered with crumbly feta cheese and olives.

Eating out in Greece can take an evening or an hour; can be a delight or a disaster.

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Network of ferries

by John Carter

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That is Cruising in the grander style, as are the two style, as are the two style, as are the two styles of Costa Cruises to Delos, Greece, whose islands Mikonos, Rhodes, Santorini and Corfu, and the Chandris vessel Fiorita which calls at

Cruising around For the independent travel- cruise holidays. ler, a network of ferries A cabin for two on the serves the islands from Navarino costs from £550 Piraeus, though the purist each (cruise alone) or £666

on its daily call, the ticket retaining its validity.

Most people equate cruis Of all holiday memories, for them a number of jour On an unseasonably rainy

Corfu, Crete and Rhodes on Greek islands has long been its week-long journeys. As a popular form of holiday- with Navarino, these two for often inflicted on conand may be vessels sail from Venice, in various ways, and are available as fly/

by Joyce Rackham

ference guests.

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entertain with their tradi- was held. tional hospitality and pan- Many of ache, and to show originality. elegant Grande Bretagne in Palace, were opened.

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largest city and capital of Macedonia, is the centre for many conferences, and it is

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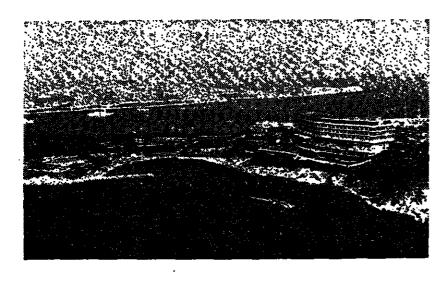
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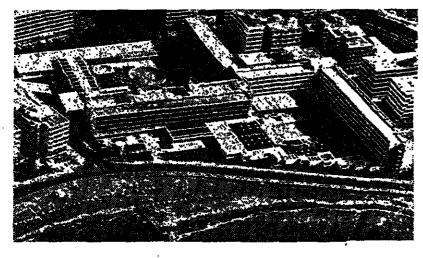
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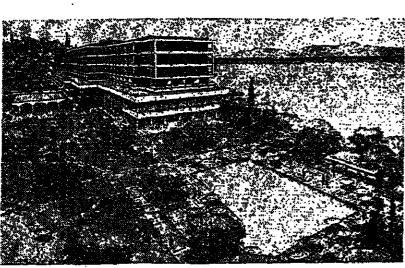
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THE BREAKDOWN IN MOSCOW

It will take a little time to digest are thinking there will soon be the implications of the Soviet signals on the way to Washington rebuff to Mr Vance in Moscow, bur the first reaction need not be too pessimistic. Mr Vance deligered to the Russians, almost without warning, a package of far reaching proposals on arms control which could not be digested immediately. Therefore the choice for the Russians was between taking note of the proposals in an open-minded and posses in an open-minded and consillatory mainer or rejecting them out of hand. That they chose the second alternative is not surprising or even, at this stage particularly disturbing.

In the first place they are anxious to demonstrate to President of the constraint of the constra

dent Carter that his stand on human rights is jeopardizing all aspects of détente. They would like to persuade him that he cannot negotiate effectively on arms control or on anything else without muting his statements on the subject. They will have been reinforced in their attitude by his decision, shortly before Mr Vance's talks, to ask for more money for broadcasts to the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe by Radio Liberty and Radio Free Europe. Hence it suits them to be less than immediately cooperative at this moment.

Secondly, the arms control package itself confronts them with serious difficulties, and they may feel they are more likely to get something better if they do not even accept it as basis for discussion. Mr Carter has staked a lot on progress in this field so they know he will feel under pressure to try again. There is still a little time in hand as the Salt I agreement does not run out until

and negotiations will get under way. But the difficulties should not be underestimated. In crude outline what has happened is this. The Salt I agreement was supposed to establish a rough balance by allowing the Russians more missiles to compensate for America's lead in multiple warheads, but the Russians fairly rapidly developed their own multiple warheads, so Salt II, which was outlined in Vladivostok in 1974, tried to deal with this by specifying how many missiles on each side could be equipped with multiple warheads. This agreement was also overtaken by technology. The Cruise missile appeared on the scene and upset all existing categories by being a flying bomb of extraordinary versatility, capable of being launched from land, sea or air with a variety of warheads, ranges and roles.

The Russians wanted the Cruise missile included in Salt II. The Americans refused. In January, 1976, Dr Kissinger offered to impose restraints on it but when he returned to Washington it emerged that he had not fully understood the problems involved (he was not the only one), so three months later the Americans suggested signing Salt II on the original basis and dealing later with the Cruise missile. The Russians rejected this and they have now rejected roughly the same offer again, for it was Mr Vance's second preference.

But Mr Vance's first preference was new. It involved deep cuts in missiles coupled with october.

If this is how the Russians both sides this raises political

as well as military issues. Mr Carter can scarcely win support for restraints on a weapon as valuable as the Cruise missile without showing something very substantial in return. This is why he needs deep cuts in missiles. But the Russians, much as they would like to restrain the Cruise missile, would find it enormously difficult to reduce the number of their missiles. They have always put great faith in numbers, and they have only relatively recently managed to match the Americans in a way that they see as baving earned them the respect due to a great power. It is almost inconceivable that Mr Brezhnev, nearing the end of his reign and presiding over a somewhat unstable coalition, could persuade either his generals or his political colleagues actually to dismantle expensive newly acquired weaponry.

Mr Brezhnev's rejection of the American proposals therefore expresses something far more substantial than a fit of pique over human rights. But with luck it probably also expresses something less than total refusal to negotiate on arms control. Although it is as clear to the Russians as to everyone else that arms control alone will not solve everything, or even stop all aspects of the arms race, they must see that they have a real interest in trying for an agreement. They know that Mr Carter is now in a very strong position in Washington, and that if there is no agreement he could easily get congressional support for a very substantial increase in the American defence effort. They must also know that if they challenge him to an all-out arms race he will win.

CAN THE LIBERALS BE RELIED ON?

The Liberals are in some danger of making fools of themselves in their opposition to the Budget proposals to increase the duty on petrol and cars. As the Conservatives and the other smaller parties take the same view, the Covernment might be defeated on this part of the Budget if the Liberals joined in. That would not bring the Government down. nor would it infringe the letter of the Lib-Lab agreement, As Mr Steel pointed out yesterday, that does not require the Liberals to support every detail of Government policy. The Liberals would simply be providing a splendid example of how m strike a bargain and then not

make it work. Government in office, they naturally want to influence policy. They are determined not to be taken for granted. They are ready, even eager, to throw their weight around. That is fair enough, but they had better be

ardent motorist indeed to confuse that with a preference for getting money out of a higher tax on petrol rather than VAT. They are seeking to stop the Chancellor from pursuing the very strategy that they favour themselves, but by slightly different means. They too want to shift the balance from direct to indirect taxation, but they would like to see the extra burden put on one indirect tax rather than another. This might be represented as just the kind of minor point on

which it is reasonable for Parliament to impose its wishes on the Government without jeopardizing the Chancellor's economic strategy. But in any Budget one detail is often linked with lother. So it is with this one. Having agreed to sustain the If the Government were defeated on this question, they would have several options. One is to forgo that portion of revenue and to allow an additional £450 million to be added to the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement. with all the inflationary consecareful where they do it. What quences. Another is to reduce they are objecting to now is not the proposed cuts in income tax a piece of socialist extremism- by that amount, which would be they will look very silly themone would have to be a very contrary to the basic strategy selves.

that both ministers and the Liberals wish to pursue. The third option is to raise the revenue in a different wayreverting to a flat 10 per cent VAT is the Liberal nostrum. But that would entail a larger increase in the cost of living index and complicate negotiations with the unions. Each of these choices would

therefore either change the strategy or introduce a new complication in applying it; and this would be done not by persuasion, not even in the cutand-thrust of the inter-party dialogue, but by joining the Government's opponents to defeat it in the House. That sort of conduct would make a coherent strategy impossible. The Liberals should certainly not become Mr Callaghan's sheep; but a parliamentary alliance of this nature cannot work if one party rejects the unpopular parts of a policy or takes the chance to impose the wishes of any special interest it favours. If this is how the Liberals are going to behave they will make the Government's task even harder, and

THE LOST LEADERS OF THE TREASURY

moments, Treasury men sometimes recall the definition of the senior civil servant attributed to their former colleague. Sir heavyweights, unlikely to break Thomas Padmore. "Permanent under pressure and, for that politicians" was how he described the breed. When two of the Treasury's top five permanent politicians resign prematurely within a month, it is clearly a matter of moment. Lady Bracknell, had she deigned to take note of civil servants, might have remarked that to lose one permanent secretary might be dismissed as unfortunate, but to lose two looked like carelessness.

Mr Alan Lord's departure for Dunlop sprang from an approach last autumn. Guinness Mahon made their bid for Sir Derek Mitchell in the summer. Both, naturally, have stressed that neither policy difference nor personal animosity precipitated their moves. Sir Derek at fiftyfive has had a good run, passing through a gilded sequence of jobs. Mr Lord at forty-seven is a different case. He had the prospect of the succession to Sir Douglas Wass as Head of the Treasury before him, unless a future Conservative Prime Minister or Chancellor objected on the ground that his past performance in guiding the industrial strategy disqualified him from presiding over their new

approach. Nineteen seventy-six has claim to be the annus horrendus, out-stripping even 1947, in the postwar history of the Treasury. Both the management of the economy and the degree of ex-

ternal criticism imposed unprecedented peacetime strains on its officials. Sir Derek and Mr Lord, both independent-minded reason, men the public service can ill afford to lose, can claim that their responsibilities for overseas finance and the domes-tic economy have "bottomed out" with the securing of an IMF loan and a safety net for sterling. That may or may not be true, but the Treasury, the peak of most people's Civil Service career, obviously could no longer match the allure of

working elsewhere.

There are additional, more definite reasons why the Treasury will not profit by a new and untried team, at official level, in the short-term. Its structural future is in doubt, with two former Prime Ministers, Sir Harold Wilson and Mr Heath. recommending its dismemberment into a Finance Ministry and a Budget and Manpower Department, and a Commons Select Committee currently pondering the matter. Mrs Thatcher is also suspected of reforming intentions to demonstrate a break with past policy and to suit her ministerial dis-

positions. More important still, the prospect of a Conservative Government places a question-mark over the individuals at the top in Great George Street. Whitehall has not failed to notice the hostility felt by the present Conservative leadership towards the Treasury. Since Mr Heath's

U-turn in 1972, the country's central economic department has been required to behave in a dirigiste, interventionist fashion uncongenial to the declared attitudes of Mrs Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph. Sir Derek Mir ... 11 might have been spared suspicion given his advocacy of greater spending cuts last December. But several of his colleagues are regarded by some senior Tories as having been a little more fervent in their advocacy of incomes policy, industrial strategy and the like, than their traditional political neutrality should have allowed.

The Treasury faces an uncertain future at both the official and ministerial level. The formidable Mr Leo Pliatzky retires in two years' time from enforcing control over public spending. Sir Douglas Wass, only fifty-three but already almost four years in the post, is widely expected to take up his "big offer" outside in the next two or three years. Sir Douglas Allen, head of the Home Civil Service, will have to draw up a new promotion list including such former Treasury fliers as Mr Robert Armstrong at the Home Office, Sir Ian Bancroft at Environment and Mr Peter Baldwin at Transport

For personnel and political reasons, steering the British economy, a precarious business at the best of times, is likely to be made more difficult for a year or two to come. It may suit the politicians and excite Fleet Street, but it cannot be good for the country.

Yours faithfully. WILLIAM ROBERTS, Head of Public Affairs. 14 Buckingham Street, WC2.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr Healey's Budget

From Mr J. Mortimer Goundry Sir, The Chancellor in his Budget speech yesterday (March 29) said:
"I am particularly concerned about
elderly people who now find themselves hable to the surcharge on
the income from savings which are quite modest in modern terms." Despite that, he proposes to make quite paltry concessions (in modern terms!)

Is it not high time that the surcharge should be completely re-moved for, at least, those over 65? If that cannot be done, the sur-charge should be removed from income from money saved out of taxed earnings. All investment income is today called "Unearned Income". I would concede that income from inherited wealth is possible apparatch by income from possibly unearned, but income from wealth acquired out of taxed earnings is surely well-earned l Yours faithfully, J. MORTIMER GOUNDRY, White Cottage, Lealbolm,

Whitby, Yorkshire,

From the Reverend M. E. Bennett Sir, Since the increased child Sir, Since the increased control benefit was awarded many months ago and is not part of the recent budget, would the Chancellor kindly explain how the reductions in income tax will benefit those of us with families who did not pay any tax before the budget ever appeared but who will now have to pay in creased prices as a result of the switch to indirect taxation? Yours sincerely, M. E. BENNETT, Swindon Rectory, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

From Mr S. H. Cooke Sir. If I correctly understand the tables you publish today, it appears that a married couple with no child-

The state of prisons

From Mr Richard S. A. Berman Sir, Mr B. D. Widdington wrote as Chairman of the Prison and Borstal Governors (The Times, March 28) when commenting on Peter Godfrey's article (March 18) about the state of prisons today.

Internal prison censorship pre-cludes written replies from prisoners but they have a right to be represented by a spokesman just as prison officers may be supported by Mr Widdington. Vociferous criticism of recent press coverage and the rancour caused by the gelding of public reply made me promise to express general prisoners feelings upon my release from a sentence that I completed last month. I speak for those prisoners who are neither politically motivated nor campaigned for by the divers lobby groups such as "Prop".

Whilst we accept the fact that a searching inquiry must be held to establish facts surrounding allege.

establish facts surrounding allegations from both sides concerned in prison disputes, we are wary of statements such as Mr Widdington's assertion that "no official version of events can be given until the truth has been established. The victed criminals as perjurers and consequently any element of bias in favour of prison authorities in an "official report" would be far more readily accepted than a bias favouring prisoners in a report compiled, say, by a group who have some partisan link with those prisoners. The inference of his statement is that the truth has not been established and prisoners generally expect this to be followed by considerable delay and a subse-quent suppression or whitewash

by the authorities.

Prisoners would also have to agree that readers should not believe it necessary for complaints to be smuggled out of prisons on lavatory paper in order to receive a fair hearing. Machinery does exist for prisoners to complain but the channels are so numerous and circuitous and the mechanism so deliberately complicated that memories have often become hazy or have faded completely by the time the executive level has been

Rules like the one stating

Members of the Club", in your issue of today (March 25) with keen interest, but some dismay since it seemed to me to walk all round the central problem without actually

straight-thinking person and to many who proceed by instinct rather than analysis. It is that the trade union movement, which started as a band of brothers devoted to redressing injustice, has (as always happens) become increasingly corrupted by increasing power, to a point at which it is now the biggest single threat to parliamentary government as painfully evolved from Magna Carta through the Star Chamber, Ship Money, the Lord Protector, the Restoration, the Reform Bill and finally Universal

Suttrage.

It has become an estate, which because it overtly purports to represent something called a class cannot by definition be a reconciling, but only a divisive force in national terms, and with a few exceptions has tended to be led by man with an inadequate sense and Suffrage. men with an inadequate sense and knowledge of history (except that of their own movement) and of the profound subterranean forces which

ren and an earned income above £7,000 p.a. will receive greater benefits from the Budget proposals than a married couple with a similar income and two children under 11 after taking into account child benefits. The converse would appear to be the case for incomes

below £7,000 p.a.

Is this to be called socio-fiscal engineering? Yours faithfully,

S. H. COOKE, 10 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2. March 30.

From Mr David Eric Sir, Many of us who live and work in the rural counties are un-impressed by Mr Healey's pious little homily justifying his increased tax burdens on the "private motorist" on conservation grounds. Since we have no choice but to continue to motor to work, we must grudg-ingly hand him yet another slice of our hard earned pay to spend as he thinks fit?

He tells us that "petrol will still be cheaper in Britain than in nearly all other countries of the Europea Community". This may be true in nominal terms, but where else do they have to work so many hours to earn the cash to fill up their tank? DAVID ERIC, 15 St Peters Road, Cirencester. Gloucestershire.

From Mrs N. Tollenaar Sir, The Chancellor of the Ex-chequer puts an additional tax on cigarettes. No further tax on pipe tobacco "which plays an important part in the life of many retired

Is this not blatant sex discrimination ? Faithfully,

N. TOLLENAAR. 74 Chester Square, SW1.

March 30.

"prisoners cannot be punished for making allegations against prison staff, even when the allegations are proved not to be true" have an insidious air about them. Applying for the relevant request form for an interview with a senior officer invariably creates a visible air of tension between prisoner and junior officer. Dissatisfaction with the first interview, followed by an applica-tion to see someone "at a higher level", invariably creates an air of open hostility and often results in iibes such as "troublemaker" from officers to prisoner. Admittedly "punishment" is only meted out to those offenders who persistently and maliciously abuse the com plaints procedure, but the covert impleasantness and petry applica-tion of rigid regulations by arri-tated prison officers act far more as a deterrent than any prescribed "punishment", and the conse-quence is a generally aparthetic attitude to grievances by the prisoners themselves, After all—over-crowded cells, plain food and deprivation of liberty are enough

RICHARD S. A. BERMAN, 29 Carlingford Road, Hampstead, NW3. March 28.

Conflict at Westminster

From Mr Jasper Rootham Sir, I read the leading article, "The

mentioning it.

You say, correctly, that the system of ideas of the Labour Party has lost the confidence of the nation, but conclude that British socialism is such a mess that only socialists can run it, and appear to think that there is no effective alternative without saying why.

The reason is clear to any

nake and unmake nations.

Sir Harold Wilson perceived this and attempted through "In Place of Strife" to curb trade union power, but was brought to his knees, because he is essentially a party politician, by the fact that the Labour Party is financed by the trade unions.

Mr Heath, who perceived the

same truth, was in effect defeated by outbreaks of physical violence,

for most people without the added penalty of ridicule and actual harassment. Prisoners must always remember a quotation from Home Office form 1328 that runs "The privileges that each prisoner enjoys, and these include letters and visits" etc. Very ambiguous, and frighteningly exposed to abuse when interpreted literally by an aggrieved officer. Finally—readers should be informed that "Rule 43" is often invoked and certain categories of

prisoner are segregated and kept in solitary confinement for their own protection. These prisoners are often child murderers or molesters, sexual deviants and psychopaths or terrorists. Perhaps someone can tell me why these people are often given a thorough and brutal beating before Rule 43 is applied—when everybody concerned in the prisons knows, directly upon admission, that the feelings of revulsion against this particular criminal are expressed violently by established tradition? Yours faithfully,

and the threat of more, which the police could not and he (probably rightly) would not overcome by calling in the Armed Forces of the Crown. Mr Callaghan, behind that bland

exterior a greyer, while head than either, is going about it in a different way, by saying one thing and doing the opposite. But what will the trade unions do when they realize what he is up to? If they elect to confront him,

and assert their primacy, he must either curb them or be smashed.

That he will seek to avoid this choice I am sure; but that it is unavoidable I have no doubt.

The conflict is not between this ot that party at Westminster. It is etween Westminster and Transport House. I am your obedient servant,

JASPER ROOTHAM. Crag House, Wall, Northumberland.

From Dr E. H. Kronheimer Sir, Mr John Stokes, MP (March 31) asks to be told what a "moderate" asks to be told what a "moderate" socialist (his inverted commas) "stands for " (mine). Is he for nationalizing this industry and against nationalizing that one? Is he for or against picketing? And so on. Perhaps a moderate may be de-

fined as someone who is for a particular act of nationalization (or picketing) when he thinks that, on balance, the arguments are in its favour: against it when he thinks

they are not.

This certainly suggests that moderate socialists and moderate Liberals might have more in common with each other-and indeed with moderate conservatives than with the absolutists of various parties who require no expenditure of thought to know—and be known to know—what they are for and what they are against. Yours faithfully, ERWIN KRONHEIMER. Birkbeck College, Malet Street, WC1.

The future of broadcasting

From Mr M. Poole Sir, To Milton Shulman newspapers seem unperturbed, indifferent or insensitive to the prospect of a fourth television channel financed from advertising (March 30).

He rightly observes that the mere presence of a fourth channel will not expand total expenditure on advertising. Yet he makes two assumptions: that the channel will automatically attract its necessary finance, and that this revenue will be drawn solely from newspapers. Both assumptions are questionable. He omits an essential point: the mere existence of a fourth channel will not expand total audiences for television.

A fourth channel will create com-petition for the existing ITV net-work, whose audience inevitably will be diluted and therefore relatively more expensive for the advertisers.
The resistance to ITV2 by the
Newspaper Publishers Association
in their submission to Annan was not based on "a right to be protected against a powerful commercial monopoly". Newspapers do not claim such a right, nor should they. What the NPA has argued is that two commercial channels would have been such as the new fail financially, and the public purse would be used to prop them up. Such a position would create unreal

and genuinel for the press. nuinely unfair competition Some independent contractors, particularly the smaller ones, have more to fear from a second channel than newspapers. The press is used to competition from television, and used to a precarious living. Tele-vision is used to neither. Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL POOLE, 22 Castle Green. Weybridge, Surrey. March 31

From Mr Gerald Nethercot Sir, In the welter of confused thinking which is likely to result from the Annan Committee report one issue of importance may be submerged by the inevitably major discussion regarding the structure of television: that issue is local

Local radio was set up by the BBC in 1967-68 with eight pioneer stations which, although happily autonomous, had a clear objective. This objective was to provide their local communities with an all-round service of programmes with an emphasis on news, topicality, dis-cussion of local issues, and not least, carefully devised educational output of local interest; in other words to engender a sense of involvement in these communities. In this, to the surprise of many, they

succeeded. Whatever organizational fog Annan may accuse the
BBC of, this was quite clear.
Without going into the merits or
demerits of commercial intervention in this field of broadcasting,
one is left with an impression of
"for" inside the Committee about fog" inside the Committee about the function and structure of BBC local radio. To recommend the hiving-off of local stations from their parent organization displays a lack of knowledge of the local track. There is a two-way traffic in newly and other programmes in back. and other programmes, in back-ground information and ideas—not to mention technical services—without which local radio stations could not provide a proper service. And the national networks would sorely miss grass roots information. This is the devolution which some of us sought—the "escape from over-Londonization", to quote the late Lord Simon of Wythenshawe. And

it has worked admirably. To suggest, as Annan does, the setting up of a separate local radio authority (especially if financed by commercial interests, with all the problems that would bring) is to lose all sense of realism. I write as one with direct experience in both network and local broadcasting and, bluntly, looked at the composition of the Committee with astonishment. The Committee lacked sufficient injection of professional knowledge among its members.

The setting up of an independent local radio authority will not in any way improve the quality or the any way improve the quality of the coverage of programme output for local communities. The "back-up" will simply not be there in terms of facilities, whether programme feeding, technical resources or research information. It is, as I said, a matter of logistics which works both ways

both wavs. The Annan report presents the local radio advisory councils with the "unfogged" duty, in the interests of the communities they serve, to oppose this part of Annan tooth and nail. They must, or they will show themselves false to the principles of local radio which they accepted by becoming members of such councils. They must alert local opinion in a way which they can then present strongly to the Government They must not wait for the White Paper-that would be too late, and by acring now they can influence the policy of the White Paper. Yours faithfully,

GERALD NETHERCOT Former Manager, BBC Radio Nottingham, David House. St George's Street,

Naxxar. Malta, GC. March 25.

Atrocities in Cambodia

From Dr Jonathan Mirsky Sir, Some time ago when Sozhenit-syn was broadcasting in this coun-try, Bernard Levin went to great lengths to assert that the basic message was: tell the truth. Since Mr Levin (March 30) is widely appreciated for not mincing words he will welcome a few on the matter of Cambodia.

I want to be clear about my posi-tion. What has happened in Cam-bodia since "liberation" is e. Full stop.

Mr Levin's own position, however, is badly flawed. Did he ever condemn American bombing in Cambodia? Or did he welcome and encourage it? He speaks of how pleasant Cambodia used to be. deed it was. I was there during the Sihanouk period, which American action brought to a catastrophic finale, an action praised by Mr

Levin. He is, moreover, misinformed and, worse, misinforming about pre-vious critics of the war. I will name two distinguished ones; Jean Lacouture, the French authority on Indochina, and Anthony Lewis, a political columnist of *The New York Times*. Both these men opposed the war for years, and now, with equal vigour, they have striven to expose the situation as it is, thus showing precisely the capacity to speak the whole truth, which Mr Levin calls for but does not, in this instance, possess.

Mr Lewis conveniently provided

both views in a recent column: "United States policy helped bring disaster on Cambodia and Lacouture knows it. Today's reality, he says, should shame 'those in the Nixon Administration who bombed and laid waste Cambodia, undermining Sibanouk's regime and refusing to pursue negotiations with him in Peking, making an unmirigated

likely'. But he rightly sees that as no reason for silence about Cam-bodia today." When is Mr Levin going to break

Khmer Rouge victory all the more

his silence about Cambodia yesterday? Yours,

JONATHAN MIRSKY, 21 Priory Grove, Stockwell, SW8. March 30.

From Dr Terry Gough

Sir, I refer to Bernard Levin's article on the Cambodian People (March 30), and, like him, find the facts so terrible that we wish they were not true. Working in a refugee camp in Thailand we have first hand accounts of the barbaric acts of the Khmer Rouge, so consistently ignored by the free world. Even the visitation of Khmer Rouge soldiers on to Thai soil one night in January, to extend the terror they have been inflicting on their own people, was only briefly reported in a few newspapers. The Bangkok Post has published a booklet of this event with illustrations so hideous that I have tried to forget the existence of my own copy. It shows the mutilated bodies of children and their parents, scattered about the fields near their homes.

We fear that although the peoples and governments of the free world may look on, they do not wish to see. If we delay too long, there may be nothing left to see. Yours faithfully,

TERRY GOUGH, Hon Secretary, Project Vietnam Orphans, 10 Frailey Hill, Woking,

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'The Age of Uncertainty'

From Sir Keith Joseph, MP for Leeds, NE (Conservative) Sir, Professor Kenneth Galbraith, currently delivering the 13 one-hour lectures in *The Age of Uncertainty* BBC relevision series, is a polemicist and propagandist i for views he has held consistently over many years. The BBC, however, is required to retain a balance in matters of political sensitivity and for that reason its choice of lecturer and intellectual guide through the corridors of economic history is

Had the BBC set out to ensure strict impartiality ir could have invited some respected but more dispassionate figure than Professor Galbraith to give a balanced account of the various interpretations of the subject. Alternatively it could have asked several commentators, exponents of different interpretations. Professor Galbraith

among them, to contribute. Instead the BBC has allowed this long and expensive series to become the vehicle for Professor Galbreith's highly idiosyncratic views and in so doing has given Galbraith per-haps the biggest audience known to any economist in history, quite apart from any financial reward. For the benefit of those not familiar with political economy it should be stressed that Professor Gaibraith's opinions by no means command univeral respect among professional economists; they certainly do not represent a consensus among those interested in the subject. Many people, myself included, believe that Galbraith's advocacy of centralized economic decision-making is based on faulty analysis and, if accepted by government, leads necessarily to impoverishment and despotism.

This last consequence may not very deeply distress Professor Galbraith who is on record as saying that he is not much interested in freedom ("I am not particular about freedom"). He has also said that he sees no great difference between freedom in the West and freedom in the Soviet blac, between Communist economies and market economies. He expressed these views explicitly in a long interview published in the influential West German newspaper, Die Zeit, July 5, 1968, which I have before me. Yours faithfully, KEITH JOSEPH, House of Commons.

Hawksmoor's churches

From the Roccer of Limehouse Neglected Churches", The Times, March 29) describes St Anne's Church, Limehouse, as "tattered and difficult to get into". In May, 1975, be said it was "locked and apparantly unloyed."

apparently unloved.".
Tattered? Yes. Unloved? No.
Difficult to get into? It depends how hard you try. We are open daily, and quite a lot on Sundays, at the times clearly shown outside; experimentally, we have begun to

open on Fridays (not April 8 or 15) all day.
Failing all that; a great many individuals and groups still manage to get in, by first phoning 01-987 1502, or taking their chance at the passers in Navall Street. Rectory in Newell Street. Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER IDLE,

Limehouse Rectory, 5 Newell Street, E14. March 29.

Consumers and the EEC

From Dr William Roberts

Sir, In his letter published today (The Times, March 28) Dr Fragner challenges the ability of organizations like my own to represent the consumer interest. He writes in the context of a recent meeting in Brussels between the Bureau Européen des Unions de Consommateurs and the President of the Council of Agriculture Ministers where I and colleagues from German, French,

Dutch and Belgian consumer

organizations, led by the director of the independent and influential Dutch organization, Consumenten-bond, put the consumer case. He criticizes us for claiming to represent all of Europe's 260

million consumers. This is a claim we have never made. All we would claim is that the cause we are championing is the consumer cause. To be more specific, we have asked the Council of Ministers to impose a freeze on the price of those farm

supply, restrict demand and cause even worse surpluses. It is self-evident that in pressing this case. the "consumer functionaries", as Dr Fragner mattractively labels them, are speaking for more than themselves. They are putting the case for all who stand to lose from unnecessarily high prices for basic foods and a premy fair case it is.



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WINDSOR CASTLE

March Si r The Queen, attended
by the Marchioness of Abergavenny, the Lady Susan Hussey,
Lieutenani-Colonel the Right Hon
Sir March Charteris, Vice-Admiral
Sir Peter Ashmore, Mr William
Heschine, Mr Robert Fellows,
Mr Rensid Allison, Surgeon-Capteist Norman Blacklock, RN, Air
Commodore Archie Winskill,
Major Robin Broke and Lieutenani-Commander Anthony Blackband, RN, errived at Heathrow
Asport, Lendon, this morning in
a Qantas Boeing 707 sircraft
(Captain J. K. Davenport) from
Amstraisa.

Her Majesty, baving been re-WENDSOR CASTLE

Australia.

Her Majesty, baving been received at the Airport by the Lord Maclean (Lord Chamberlain), the Right Hon James Callaghan. MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) and Mr Kenneth Walter (Director, Heathrow Airport, London) then drove to Windsor Castle.

The Prince of Wales this morning received Mr Roger du Boulay (Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps) and Mr Mark Heath (Head of the West African Department of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office).

Office).

His Royal Eighness received the following members of the Executive Committee of The Queen's Siver Jubilee Appeal: Major Sir Michael Hawkins, Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Mansfield, Mr John Blies, Mr Nigel Vinson and Colonel Martin Hastings.

The Prince of Wales received by Antony Craxton. was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales received Mr Antony Craxion.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Wallace of Coslany (Lord in Watting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon apon the departure of The President Leopold Senghor of the Republic of Senegal and bade fare-

Today's engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

queen Engabem the Queen Momer attends cocktail party given by The Royal Yeomany to mark tenth anniversary of formation of the regiment, Cavalry and Guards Club, 6.30.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester is present at diuner of the 5th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment, Bassingbourne, Cambridgeshire, 7.45.

The Duke of Kent, President of RAF Renevolent Fund, attends anniversary concert, Festival HSB, 7.45.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed): Fell, Vice-Admiral Sir Michael

ampson, Mr Leonaru, or annue, Blackpool amusements pro-

JOSEPH COOPER



Joseph Cooper, musician and T.V. personality, writes: "Those of you who have enloyed great soloists and great orchestras giving superb performances which have enriched your lives with their art, may be moved to think of the time when, through ifiness or old age, these musicians can no longer FACE THE MUSIC. This is where you can help."

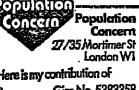
Please send a donation, large or small. It will help to maintain our three homes of residence for elderly and retired musicians and will give com-





Every child born into the world has the right to be wanted and to live in human dignity. And yet. of the 100 children born every 30 seconds, 20 will die within the year. World population is expanding by 6 million every month and is over-taking social services, food and medical supplies. The world desperately needs planned parenthood. This

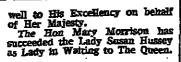
is our concern and responsibility-make it yours too Piease help. Population



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Population Concern, Sportcored by the Family Romang Association (Registered, Charity No. 220289) in support of the International Planted Poventhood Endownies.



CLARENCE HOUSE March 31: Lieutenant-Colonel George Vere-Laurie roday had the honour of being received by Queen Rizzbeth The Queen Mother, Colonel in Chief, 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer of the Regiment

Leutenant-Colonel Hugh Pye also Leutenant-Colonel Hugh Pye also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Commanding Officer of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's).

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon laid the Foundation Stone of the new St Saviour's Priory at Haggerston, F?

Mrs Petrick Campbell-Preston and Sir Martin Gilliat were in Her Majesty gave a Reception this evening for Delegates attending the United Kingdom and Mediterranean Regional Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

KENSINGTON PALACE March 31: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon today atten-ded a Fashion Show arranged by Fashion Promotions at the Inte-Continental Hotel in aid of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal.

In the afternoon Her Royal Highness attended a Fashion Exhibition arranged by the London Designer Collections at the Inn on the Park

the Park.
The Hon Mrs Wills and Major
The Lord Napier and Ettrick were
in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE March 31: Princess Alexandra this afternoon visited St Anthony's Rospital, North Cheam. Her Royal Highness later visited the headquarters of Echo (The Joint Mission Hospital Equipment Board) at Robin Hood Lane, Sutton.
The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard

Herr Willy Brandt, Leader of the Social Democratic Party, Federal Republic of Germany, left the Gloucester hotel yesterday to return to Germany.

Luncheon

Institute of Taxation Mr R. J. Pickerill, President of the Institute of Taxation, was host at a huncheon at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. Among those present

Lord Grantchester. QC. Lord Setwyn-Lloyd, QC. Mr Robert Sheddon, MP. Mr Joel Barnett, MP. Sir William Pile, Sir Ronald Radford, Mr W. J. G. Allen, Mr M. W. Clark, Mr Dendi Davies, MP, and Dr John Gibert, MP.

Reception

HM Government Mr Edward Bishop, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and Mrs Bishop were hosts at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government at Fishmongers' Had yesterday in bonour of the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission.

Dimers

High Commissioner for New The High Commissioner for New

Zeakand gave a dinner in honour of the New Zeakand Prime Min-ister, Mr Robert D. Muldoon, at New Zeakand House yesterday. The guests included : ests included;
F. H. Corner, Mr K. J. Futter,
L. J. Wood, Mr D. B. G. McLean,
G. Thompson, commodere F. H.,
nd; the Hon John Silbin, MP, Mr
its Bowell, MP, Admira's Sir Terte Lowin, Sir Michael Palliser, Ser
Huni, Sir Frederick Kesms, Sir
Rod, Sir Geoffrey Cox, Sir James
iffeld, Mr H. A. H. Cortazzi, Mr
n. Tallent, Mr David Steel, Mr
bael Josling, MP, Mr Brian Shaw,
Peter Tapsell, MP, and Mr Edmund
1897.

Lord Energiya

Lord Energlyn was host at a dinner held at the House of Lords yesterday for the president and council of the Institution of Min-ing and Metallurgy. Among the guests were:

The Earl of Bessborough, the Earl of Laudentale, Lord Campbell of Croy, Lord Hinton of Banksde, Lord Kear-na, Lord Reanes, Lord Stackleon, Str John Hill and Professors G. R. Davis, F. D. Richardson, J. Sutton, and J. S. Webb. Lady Mayoress

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Coggan were among the Mrs Coggan were among the guests yesterday evening when the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff of City livery companies and their ladies, aldermen, sheriffs, the chief commoner, some members of the Control of Common Council and the high officers of the corporation and their ladies at diamer at the Mansion House, The Lord Mayor, the Masters of the Mercers' and Grocers' Companies were the speakers. Among others present were:

present were:
Ser Rabh and Lady Peaving, Sir Lionel
and Lady Denny, the Masters of the
Parish Clorks' and Watermen's and
lightermen's Companies and their
ladies, the Master and Mistress Cutler
of the Company of Cutlers in Baliamshire, Mr and Mrs David Lee, the
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in Gissgow and Mrs Emilia, the President of the Institute and Conversor
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Mrs Hilbrich, the Secretary of the
Royal Rasdomy of Aria and Mrs
Hillchison.

British Council of Productivity Associations
Mr James Anderson, chahman,
BCPA, was host at a conference
dimer yesterday at the Welcombe
Hotel, Stratford-on-Avon. The
guest of honour was Mr Leslie
Huckfield, MP, Parliamentary
Under-Secretary of State, Department of Industry.

Justices' Clerks' Society
The President of the Justices'
Clerks' Society, Mr George Whiteside, and members of the council
gave a dinner at the Law Society's
Hall last night, In addition to past
presidents and honorary members
the guests included:
Lard Elwin-Jones, Lord Dennins, Lord
Handliton of Collecti Si George Baker.
No. Service Arthur Peterson, Sir Thomas
Skyrne, Sir Norman Stelhorn, Oc.
Mr Badi Edwards, Mr A. J. Braynahu,
Mr A. S. M. Peel, Mr B. A. Johnston,
Mr R. H. Try, Mr A. G. Skeet, and
Mr B. M. Rawinson. Instices' Clerks' Society

Palace cover for iubilee stamps The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme, with the help of the stand

department of the Save the Child-rend Fund, has produced a souv-enir postal cover for use with silver jubilee stamps to be issued on May 11.

Each will be stamped with proof of posting in a special box in Buckinghum Palace and will cost £1. The proceeds will help the Quren's Silver Jubilee Appeal, the Save the Children Fund and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.

Family Welfare Association

The Duke of Gloucester will be present at a jubilee reception to be held by the Family Welfare Association at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, on Wednesday, April 20, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets at \$5.50 (including wine and buffet are a confightly from the supper), are available from the FWA, 501: Kingsland Road, Dakton, London E8 4AU.



Four new bishops suffragan with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, after their consecration at Westminster Abbey yesterday. They are, from left, the Right Revs Alec Graham (Bedford), Stephen Verney (Repton), Michael Manktelow (Basingstoke), and Anthony Dumper (Dudley).

The engagement is announced between John Graham, only son of the late Surgeon Captain J. G. Boal, RN, and of Mrs D. K. Boal,

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. C. Page and the Hon Emma Lubbock The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Major-General and Mrs C. E. Page. of Church Farm House, Old Bosham, Sussex, and Emma, only daughter of the late Lord Avebury and Diams, Lady Avebury, of Lepe House, Exbury, Hampshire.

Mr P. H. G. Bradley and Miss C. K. O. Wood and Miss C. K. O. Wood
The engagement is announced
between Philip, son of Mr and
Mrs H. Bradley, of Kiln Farm,
Farnham, Surrey, and Charlotte;
daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel
and Mrs J. C. Wood, of Coombe
Down, Beaminster, Dorset.

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Mr J. Gershfield
and Miss S. Caplin
The engagement is announced
between Jonathan, son of Mr and
Mrs I. Gershfield. of 9 Connaught
House, Mount Row, London, W1,
and Sarah, daughter of Dr and
Mrs M. Caplin, of 498 Finchley
Road, London, NW11.

Mr. M. C. Murphy

Mr M. J. C. Murphy and Miss H. V. Adams The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs N. F. C. Murphy, of St Saviour, Jersey, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr F. G. Adams, of Upton Cheyney, Avon, and the late Joanna Adams.

Mr P. Shipman and Miss S. L. Peres The engagement is amounced between Philip, elder son of Mr H. Shipman and the late Mrs T. Shipman of Roath Park, Cardiff, and Susan Lesley, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs H. Peres, of Sunderland.

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent

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Continental furniture that had belonged to John Evelyn, the great seventeenth-century diarist, was for sale at Christie's yesterday. The star item was an ebony and pietra dura cabinet, probably made for Evelyn in Florence, which fetried £26,000 (estimate £10,000). Evelyn's diary entries for 1644 shed a fascinating light on how such a triece was out

on how such a piece was put

decorated with rectangular pietra dura panels of flowers and birds and the piece is centred on a more elaborate panel of a foun-

more elaborate panel of a 100mi-tain. On October 24, 1644, having visited the Grand Ducal collec-tions in the Uffizi, he records: "...incomparable tables of Pietra Commessa... by the same hand who inlays the Altar of St Laurence, Domenico Benotti

of whom I purchased 19 pieces of the same work for a cabinet".

the same work for a cabinet."

The purchase was apparently made on October 17; on the same day he "bespoke four rare small statues of stucci made only by that rare Artist Niucetio Brocchi..."

Thus he appears to have bought all the separate, panels, plaques and statuettes that are combined in the cabinet. It was bought yesterday by R. A. Lee, a London dealer.

An attractively carved ebony cabinet on a stand in the manner of Jean Macé of Blois is men-

tioned in a letter from Evelyn to his wife dated March 1, 1652. It states that the cabinet was made for him in Paris in 1632. It sold yesterday for £3,800 (estimate

The cabinet's 18 drawers are

of Eastbourne, and Edzabeth Mary, younger daughter of Colonel and Mrs L. C. East, of Worplesdon. Mr J. L. Duncae and Miss E. J. Mogey The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs George Dancan, of Ferry-hill Place, Aberdeen, and Jane, second daughter of Dr and Mrs George Mogey, of Pinner, Middle-

Mr J. G. Boal and Miss E. M. East

Mr D. C. Jackson and Miss D. A.-M. Backrach The engagement is announced between David Cooper, elder son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Jackson, of Edinburgh, and Desirée Ann-Maria, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jens Bachrach, of The Hague, Holland,

Captain C. J. M. Notley and Miss C. L. Ash The engagement is announced between Christopher Notley, The Light Infantry, son of Major and Mrs J. T. B. Notley, Port Hill Gardens, Shrewsbury, and Christine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. H. Ash, Haughley, Suffolk.

Mr G. Tuff and Miss G. Sherston-Baker The engagement is announced The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, younger son of Colonel and Mrs C. R. Tuff, of Hog's Green, Sandling, Hythe, Kent, and Gabrielle, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs P. Sherston-Baker, of 3 Sheen Gate Gardens, London, SW14.

John Evelyn's cabinet fetches £26,000

Marriage

The Hon Charles Taylor and Miss M.-E. Feeney

and Miss M.-E. Feeney
The marriage took place on March
19 at the Church of St John of
the Cross, Roslyn, Pennsylvania,
between the Hon Charles Taylor,
younger son of Lord and Lady
Taylor, of Plas-y-Garth, Glyn
Ceirlog, Clwyd, and Miss MaryEllen Feeney, only daughter of
Mr and Mrs John R. Feeney, of
WHow Grove, Pennsylvania.
A reception was held at the
North Hills Country Club, near
Philadephia.

Laster opening

The silver jubilee exhibition, The Queen's Pictures, will be closed on Good Friday. It will be open from 11 am to 5 pm on Saturday. April 9, from 2 to 5 pm on Easter Day, and from 11 am to 5 pm on Easter Day, and from 11 am to 5 pm on Easter Monday. Easter Monday.

The Wallace Collection will be closed to the public on God Triday, but will be open as usual on the following Saturday, Easter Day, and Easter Monday.

Children's writing

W. H. Smith is to take over the annual children's literary competition organized since 1959 by the Daily Mirror. The number of awards has been increased to 63.

Birthdays today

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Viscount Bridgeman, 81; Dame Cicely Courtneidge, 84; Major-General J. R. C. Hamilton, 71; Sir Paul Hasluck, 72; Baroness Spencer-Churchill, 92; the Earl of Stradbroke, 74.

cil; 1963-70, Secretary of the National Arts Collection Fund. And for 30 of those 42 years— from 1935 to 1965—he was also Editor-in-Chief of Penguin And for 30 of those 42 years— from 1935 to 1965—he was also Editor-in-Chief of Penguin Books. It was ABCA which first directed national attention to those of ABCA, Williams had to use great skill and all his powers of persuasion to keep the Government grant steadily growing from a few thousands a year to several millions as the Arts Council's work expanded.

MR LEONARD BARNES Anthony McAdam writes: Your obituary of Leonard Barnes failed somewhat to give due acknowledgment to his continuing involvement with

OBITUARY

Sir William Emrys Williams, CBE, who died on March 30 at the age of 80, could have claimed, had he wished—he did

not, because while he was a

forthright man, he was an in-

herently modest one—to have

been one of the greatest and

most effective mass educators of his time. The diversity of his interests was matched by

the singleness of his aim: that the people should be given the facilities to learn, to know, to appreciate, and to enjoy. Although many activities, will

have to be mentioned, his life's work was predominantly a trip-tych: information on public

issues for an army at war;

availability of the arts for a nation at peace; the spread through cheap publishing of classical and original literature

of all kinds. It is true that

before he undertook the first of these tasks, he had been secretary of the British Institute of Adult Education in the 1930s. But it was the liberating

effects of the Second World War and its aftermath that gave

him his opportunity to make his work fruitful. He seized it ener-

gerically, 'defended it stub-bornly, and enriched a genera-

William Emrys Williams was born on October 5, 1896, at Capel Isaac, a village in Car-marthen. His father, Thomas Owen Williams, was a car-penter; his mother a farmer's

daughter from nearby Llandilo. Although Williams lived in

Wales until his eighth year, was

then Welsh speaking, and re-tained strong Welsh charac-

teristics throughout his life, he always spoke of Manchester as his intellectual seed-bed. It was to that city his earliest

was to that city his earnest affections were given. Having progressed through elemenary and secondary schools there, he won a scholarship to Man-

Because of his own experi-

ences, and because he was in one way and another learning all his life, adult education attracted him early on. There-

after his course was set. How

true he kept it can be seen by a succession of dates: 1928-34.

Staff tutor in the Extra-Mural Department of the University of London; 1934-40, Secretary of the British Institute of Adult

Education; 1941-45, Director of the Army Bureau of Current Affairs (ABCA); 1946-51, Director of the Bureau of Current Affairs; 1951-63, Secretary-General of the Arts Council 1962-70 Secretary of the

chester University.

Africa and the problems of "t hird world" countries and to his very considerable legacy as a radical scholar. After a spell in the Colonial Office in the early 1920s Leonard became a farmer in Zululand, a role he relinquished

when he discovered that the land the South African Govern-ment had "cleared" for exservicemen had in fact been forcibly stolen from Zulu tribesmen. For the next few years he took on the mantle of the muckraker and his political journalism in the pages of the Cape Times and the Johannesburg Star contained bitter and damaging attacks on the South African government's "native policy". In 1930 he wrote Caliban in Africa, his first and probably his best book. Its combination of descriptive power and sensitivity to the moral outrage of apar theid produced for thousands of British and American readers their first awakening to the homan problems involved in the

South Áfrican situation. On his return to Britain in 1932 he commenced a brilliant and sustained attack on the appalking state of race relations and human exploitation in the non-white territories of the British Empire. Without doubt, his was the most incisive pen in the anti-imperialist lobby of the thirties. As Thomas Hodg-kin wrote in a review of his last book in 1971, "For those of us who learned to detest imperialism in the 1930s Leonard Barnes had the same hind of importance as Basil Davidson has had for the generations of the 1950s and 1960s. He was a radical critic

Dr Gustav Schickedanz, founder and head of the large mailorder concern, Quelle, died at of 72, was appointed a Deputy Fuerth, West Germany, on Lieutenant for Hampshire and the Isla of Wight in 1970. March 27. He was 82.

whose criticisms were grounded in experience, whose judgments one felt one could trust." His role in converting the Labour Party in the late 1930s to the necessity for a clear

commitment to Indian inde-pendence has gone unsung by historians. Similarly, he has still to receive full recognition for his major role in providing much of the intellectual fuel for Britain's postwar pro-

gramme of decolonialization. On his retirement from Oxford in 1962 he conducted a study tour of the new states of Africa at the request of his old friend Robert Gardiner, head of the UN Economic Commission for Africa. After much extended travel he produced a long report for the UN on the economic and political difficulties of development in the first few years of independence. He also formulated the ideas that were to provide the stuff of his last two controversial books African Renascence (1969) and Africa in Eclipse (1971). In 1974, he was invited by President Kaumda of Zambia to be his guest at State House in Lusaka and to write a report on the country's political and economic problems.

Leonard's thinking in his last few years focused on the wider issues of the worldwide destruction of the environment and the seemingly catastrophic combination of third world poverty and political instability and the spread of nuclear power. He might not have come up with any simple panacea, he was too rigorous and honest a thinker for that; but he did approach these problems with a rare amalgam of seriousness, decency and perspicacity. He was a moralist without being a prig; he was also a man with great charm, humour and, in everything he did, panache.

the Isle of Wight in 1970.

Appointments
The Rev L. R. Caddick, Rector of Bulwick and Harringworth with Bistingswycke and Laxton, diocese of Peterburge, to be Vicar of Condicaseme diocese. R. N. H. Holyhead. Curate of Christinum, im charge of S. Mary's. Somerford), diocese of Winchester, to be Rector of St John with Winnall. Winchester.
The Rev P. H. Jordan; curate of St Ann's with Emmanuel. Notificham, diocese of Somewell, to be curate-incharge of St Peter's. Edgware. diocese of The Peters P. Mullen, head of peters of St Winchester. The Bear P. William, head of Peters of Somewell, to be curate-incharge of St Peter's. Edgware. diocese of The William Andrews. However, the Peters P. Willen, head of Peters of Somewell, to be vicar of Tuckwith and Bilimain-Alasty, diposes of York.

The Rev R. J. L. Wood, Vicar of Yanta-upon-Dearne, diposes of Fruita-incharge.

Diocese of Canterbury
The Rev M. A. Collis. Vicar of
Holy Trindry, Selburst, to be presin-charge of St. Stophen's. Northury.
The Rev H. M. Moneloy. Curste of

Church news

Appointments

An outstanding educator of his time Williams, Today's argumenta-tive, uninhibited, open-ended society must find it difficult to appreciate what an explosive idea the project of educating at army in wartime about public He had also to hold a reason. able balance between its various activities, and between patronage in London and in the provinces. Most of this work he did in committees. It was affairs could be. A National his annual reports, forcefully Government was leading written and produced with artistic distinction, that kept his mission before the public. As he Britain's struggle to survive. Party politics were stilled. Issues had been put into cold himself admitted, the Arts Counstorage. Compoversy was all by its very nature could exchewed. Williams did not never hope to fulfil all its seek to reactivate any of these possible obligations. Under Williams. He did engage all his liams it went well along the

SIR WILLIAM EMRYS WILLIAMS

Welsh passion in asserting that the fighting men and women had a right to basic information, to political curiosity, and to

a feeling of parenership in deciding what kind of a coun-try Britain should be after the

would not have been the over-whelming landslide it was. But

tal involvement without intent. Williams was one of the earliest

inspirers, gaining the ear of an influential fellow-Welshman,

Dr Thomas Jones, Williams be-

came the first director of the

in 1946 metamorphosed into the Arts Council, he was a founder member. Five years

later he became its Secretary-General, being knighted for this work in 1955.

Although his twelve years in charge of the Arts Council

aroused no storms comparable to those of ABCA. Williams had

Carnegie Trustees.

way. Williams's collaboration with Allen Lane in the creation of the vast Penguin and Pelican the vast Pengum and Pelican libraries was possibly the most permeating of all his educational work. In the short memoir of Allen Lane that he wrote in 1973, he made it clear he was never a member of Lane's staff. But his influence as Editor-in-Chief and as a Directors cannot be over-estiwar had been won.
Neigher the politicians nor
the Army hierarchy as a whole
liked this. They were not
repressive, Rather they regarded ABCA as an unnecessary distraction. Was it not taking the soldiers' attention away from the single idea of victory?

Some, of course, were fearful of the political consequences. It has been argued that without ABCA the 1945 General Election would not have been the overthroughout the world-Williams was anxious to spread know-Wishiams was not a man of the Right or Left. He was an educator, letting the outcome of education be what it might Courageously backed by General Sir Ronald Adam, then Director of Army Education, he withtend the openius of Courageously and Courageously and Courageously the Army Education, he with the openius of Courageously and ledge and comprehension about them all. In all his work he had the understanding support of his wife, Gertrude Rosen-blum, herself a Professor of Social Economics at the University of London, whom he had married in 1919. She was made a CBE in 1963.

stood the assaults and carried on. His work was recognized by a CBE in 1946. For five subsequent years he ran a civilian Bureau of Current Affairs under the aegis of the Carrente Trustees. cation in the years before the The remoter origins of the Arts Council are still obscure. Indeed, a study of Ministerial statements in Hansard about the Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts (CEMA) reveals a classic (CEMA) reveals a classic instance of gradual governmental involvement without intent. was a Trustee of Shakespeare's birthplace. He chaired the Arts Council Theatre Enquiry. The University of Wales honoured him with a DLitt; he was an honorary member of the Archi-tectural Association; he held the American Medal of Free-

Williams was robust physi-cally as well as mentally. Al-though his mind was wedded to his mission, his sincerity and ardour made him an engaging companion. He took without rancour whatever buffets came achievements they were few. He was an organizer and disseminator, not a teacher. His abilities and the tide of his time enabled him to accomplish more than most teachers have done.

SIR ANTHONY KING

Sir Anthony King, CBE, Senior Master and Queen's Remembrancer from 1960 to 1962, died on March 28 at the age of 86. Anthony Highmore King was born on April 22, 1890, the second son of Sir George Anthony King, himself a Senior Taxing Master of the Supreme Court. Educated at Winchester and Corpus Christicalled Orford he was called College, Oxford, he was called to the Bar by the luner Temple in 1913 and joined the South Eastern Circuit.

During the First World War he served as a lieutenant in the East Surrey Regiment and was severely wounded. He served in the Ministry of National Ser-vice from 1916 to 1918 and was Assistant Registrar, Court of Criminal Appeal in 1933. From 1946 to 1962 he was Queen's Coroner and Attorney, Master Coroner and Attorney, Master of the Crown Office and Registrar of the Court of Appeal. In 1960 King succeeded Sir Frank Burnand as Senior Master and Queen's Remembrancer while retaining his former appointments.

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He was made a CBE in 1953 and was knighted in 1962. He married, in 1934, Winifrede Botterell McConnell, They had no children.

MR H W. LEWIS VC

Mr Herbert William Lewis, VC, who died on February 22, saw service in Salonika with the 11th Battalion, The Welsh Regiment and was awarded the Victoria Cross for conspicuous gallantry during a raid in 1916. He was several times wounded but refused treatment; captured three of the enemy singlehanded when they attempted to impede the raid; and later rescued a fellow soldier under immense shell and rifle fire.

Mr Claude William Chadburn of Papplewick Hall, Nottinghamshire, a former High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire and president and former chairman of Mans field Brewery Company Ltd died on February 27.

of Leonard's. Hythe, to be priest-in-charge of St Peter and St Pati's. Lythorne.

Diocese of Lichfield

The Rev W. S. Frost. Rector of Rodington. to B. Rired Dean of Wrockwardine.

The Rev G. J. Lawson. Rector-doctorate of Sciatym and Rivedycrostati. and prependary of Lichileld Cartecaral, to be Rural Dean of Cheduleton. to be Rural Dean of Cheduleton. to be Rural Dean of Leok. Chaddleson, to be Rival Dean of Look.
The Rev J. A. Widden, Rector of St Chad's, Lichthold, to be Bural Dean of Lichteds. Diocese of Liverpool

The Rev J. Farmworth, Vicar of St Many's, Halewood, to be Vicar of St Paul's, Skeimendale. The Rev L. R. Thumas, Tsum Vicar of St Michael's, Suiton, to be Vical' of St Stephan's, Banks, same diocass.

Resignations
Canon G. F. Griffiths, Rector of
Voltion with Deete, diocese of Peterbornoch, on June 30.
The Rev N. Moses, Vicar of St
Atlants, Grandelovia. Sunderland,
diocese of Durham, on June 19.

From The Times of Taesday, April

Warning on Trieste From Our Correspondent

25 years ago

Beigrade, March 31 .- Marshal Tito neigrate, March 31.—Marsian Tho-in an impassioned speech before both houses of the Yugoslav national assembly which frequently brought the deputies to their feet cheering and clapping, warned the western powers that their present

the sympathies of the Yugoslav the sympathies of the Yugoda's people. He maintained that any attempt to solve the dispute without Yugoslav participation would be a far greater mistake even than the tripartite declaration of March 20, 1948. Settlement, he said, lay along the lines of the latest Yugoslav proposals (joint Italian-Yugoslav administration of the Brea Territory) followed eventu-Yngosizy summination of the Free Territory) followed eventually by a plebiscite under the conditions laid down in the recent Yugosiav mote. The Italiams must also accord Stovene minorities in Italias represents that it Yugoskayia.

minorities had in Yugoslavia.

Mr Richard Grobler outside the Central Criminal Court. where he takes up his appointment as clerk in charge of administration

today in succession to Mr Leslie Boyd, who has retired. Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mrs Barbara Castle, MP for Black-burn, to be a member of the Armi-tage Committee on the Political Activities of Civil Servants in place of Mrs Hart, Minister for Oversens Development. Dr D. A. Bassett, keeper of the department of geology, 10 be Director of the National Museum

of Wales in succession to Dr G. O. Sir James Dunnett, chairman of Sir James Dunnett, chairman of the Institute of Manpower Studies, and Anne Lapping, a journalist, to be members of the Social Science Research Council until September 30, 1979.

Mr David Witty, assistant chief executive, Westminster City Council, to be chief executive in June in succession to Sir Alan Dawtry, who retires.

who retires.

Mr I. P. Gibb to be keeper of special printed materials, British Labrary, Reference Division. Legal

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Elections
WOLFSON COLLEGE: The following
former trustee of the college into
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Lan 1: Professor W. O. Candwick,
Master of Selwyn College and Neejus
Professor of Modern History, Professor H. G. Longue-Highes, Royal
Society Professor, Sussex University,
Mr. C. R. Phillips, fellow and burst
of Christ's College, Mr. G. W. H. Mr G. E. Heggs to be a full-time chairman of Industrial Tribunals in the London (Central) Region from April 12.

E3,000 to £4,000) to C. Humphris, another London dealer. Two German marquetry table-tops were also sold by the Evelyn family; they made £8,500 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000). to Colmaghi. They date from the late seventeenth century and depict two famous military events: the relief of Vienna by Sobieski in 1683 and the capture of Napoli di Romania in 1686. While of a suitable date to have been acquired by Evelyn himself, £699,224 conservation aid for outstanding buildings

John Evelyn's cabinet in ebony and pietra dura.

Grants totalling £599,224 towards the cost of repairing 192 buildings of historical or architectural interest were made by Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environ-ment, on the advice of the His-toric Buildings Council, between last April 1 and September 30. last April 1 and September 30.

The figure includes 116 grants totalling £68,674 made under 36 town schemes, which are made jointly by the department and local authorities in historic towns for repairing selected buildings that form an outstanding group.

Projects recommended for grant aid, included Milton's Cottage, Chalfont St Giles; Dove Cottage,

University news

Awards and elections

Oxford

Cambridge

Grasmere, the home of Wordsworth from 1799 to 1808; Greyfriars, Ringwood, an eighteenceutnry folly; St George's Elizabethan Theatre, Holloway, a former Victorian church; Radness Hall, Carlisle, a fifteenth to sixteenth century timber-framed building, and Addeycombe Cottages, designed by Noman Shaw, at Rothbury, Northumberland.

Conservation areas that received

Conservation areas that received grants included: the Old Grammar School, Ledbury; the Wharfage, Irumbridge, Saiop; and Hope (Sufferance) Wharf, Southwark, and Denbigh Triangle, Pimlico, London.

Awards and elections

Passmore Edwards Prize: R. R. B.

White, New College; proxime accessit

R. B. Rutherford. Worcester College;

Inghly commended, N. C. Denyer,

Corpus Christi College.

J. P. Fuller. MA. fellow of Magdalen

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ville College.

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Richardson, Governor of the Bank of England. She Gordon Sutherland. Master of England. She Gordon Sutherland. Master of England. She Gordon Sutherland. Master of England She Gordon. Sutherland. Master of England. isay itom October, protestor of theoretical solid state physics. Imperial College. St HILDA'S COLLEGE: Tutorship in English literature and official fellowship. Mrs K, Williamson, Elsit, MA: Miriam Sacher visiting fellowship, Mrs F, Blum, MA. Mphil (Yalo). SOMERVILLE COLLEGE: Honority fellowships Mrs M, L. S. Bermett, MA. principal of St Hilda's College: Mrs E. M. Chilter, principal of Lady Margert Hall; Miss J. I. Murdoch, MA. principal of St Atme's Gollege: Mrs A, M. Mrs N. K. Trengman, MA. principal of St Atme's Gollege: Miss A, M. Warburton, MA. Ambessador to Donmark, sometime student of Bernard College, Columbia University; Dr C, D. Williams, DM.
ST PETER'S COLLEGE: Schoolmagter studentship: Hilary Texm, 1978; J. Ashworth, Shrwesbury Tech. C.

Mr D. A. McGowan, MDS, serior lecturer in oral surgery, London Hospital Medical College, London University, has been appointed to the chair of dental surgery.

Manchesier
The following honorary degrees are to be conferred on May II;
LLD: Mr W. A. Downward. Lord Democratic and Lord Heater Street, and Lord Heater Manchesier and Lord Heater Manchesier and Lord Heater Manchesier and Lord Heater Manchesier and Professor R. L. Wagner, withing professor, department of Previous and Professor department of Previous and of medical systems. Section, control Informatical Edit, and Professor of Professor West Paniculary 1976 for Professor West Paniculary Professor of Assistantial Checkogy, Munich University.

To be conferred on July 6: po: Professor W. Pannensers, Princessor of assignation (Redout). Munich University.

To be conferred on July 6:

Ma: Mr E. A. Boddington, chairman of Redoute, Chethan's Hospital and Library;

Mr J. E. Jones, regional Health North Western Hoglonal Health

The title of professor emeritus has been, conferred on Mr E: S. Benson (Manc), formerly professor of architecture and director of the school of architecture. school of architecture.

Professor P. J. Mittler, MA (Cantab), PhD (Lond), MEd (Manc),
professor of the education of the
mentally bandicapped, itas been
appointed to a recently established
chair of special education, from
August 1. He will continue as

director of the Hester Adrian Research Centre Mr Max Elstein, MB (Cape Town), reader in human reproduction and obstetrics, Southampton University and honorary consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, Hampshire Area Health Authority (Teaching) has been appointed to a chair of obstetrics and gynaecology, from October 1.

Other appointments include t Come appendiments include: Locturers: Law G. R. Morse. (Newbastle); nursing, Miss P. M. worth. MSc (stant) and G. Castle BA (Livi); compater science. A Burston, MSc (Manc).

Professor Clive Hart, is to be pro-vice-chancellor for three years from October 1. Appointments Lecturers: Dr S. Botros, philosophy; D. J. Sanders, government, Fellows: Miss O. K. Joshi, physics; J. Booth, sociology: Dr J. C. Scott, physics; Dr. J. C. Scott,

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day, George finds that he has stumbled up against a murder-ous gang bent on acquiring some precious Rembrandt letters that were in the deceased's possession and which, if not suppressed, will reveal the frauds of the gang boss, an expert from the Chicago Art lostitute (such are the villains of our time). The gang have a habit, more irritating by far than murder, of putting poor George off the train. He has a knack, no less tiresome them, of always getting back again.

The story by Colin Higgins, dashes brightly along, introducing on its way a fine range of eccentrics, including Patrick McGoohan's smooth and lethal villain and a fine comedian. Richard Pryor, as an amiable thief who tags along with George and has a talent for disaster-prone notions like using boot polish to disguise himself as a black hippie. The major distinction of the film, though, is the director Arthur Hiller's ability to juggle both the comedy and the adventure spectacle. Offering a noisily destructive car chase and a fullscale disaster movie climax, with the Silver Streak carving its way through Chicago's Union Station, the film carries the heavy stuff commendably lightly.

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intended with his version of Joseph Andrews. In reducing the role of Parson Adams to that of a buffoon (even though he is played by the incomparable Michael Hordern), he has for a start rejected the clearcy. for a start rejected the clear-cut Christian-humanist morality which Fielding opposed to what he considered the "immoral" artitudes of the earlier Richardson's Pamela. The elevation of the character of the Pediar to

a magical-mystical deus ex machina further confuses his Streak gets off to a flying start with a Disappearing Professor, to recall Hitchcock's Vanishing Lady. The leading character however is the Silver Streak itself, slicing its way across the continent from Los Angeles to Chicago, with a suitably colourful passenger list. The human hero. George, is Gene Wilder of the shock heir and shocked eyes, who boards the house of the shock heir and shocked eyes, who boards the harmonic flow of the same exuberant to the director himself vehemently denies any attempt to repeat his work of fourteen years ago, and it must be acknowledged that Joseph Andrews has not the same exuberant has not the same exuberant good humour of its predecessor. The film might be meant as a counterblast to Earry Lyndon: several figures look as if they have walked straight in from the Kubrick film without chang-ing their makeup; and Richardson shows the same determination to dig beneath the decorum

and maquillage of Georgian England. He, however, is at once more ironic and unsparingly realistic than Kubrick.

More often though, as he revels in the bared bottoms and the likidingue lead of the likidingu the libidinous ladies of the hook, and adds to them wind-breaking and updated crudities of dialogue, it seems rather as if he wanted to make a Georgian Carry On. At that level, with the novel pared to a series of fast succeeding incidents, it works well enough; but there's the nagging feeling that Richardson, one of the boldest and least conservative directors of his generation, had larger ambitions, and in any event it hardly does justice either to the literary material or to the actors. Peggy Ash-croft and John Gielgud make brief appearances. As Lady Booby, Ann-Margret deserves better than her director's

ungaliant compliment (quoted in an interview with Sheridan Morley, on this page) that he cast her because "there aren't all that many stars around with really big boobs". Peter Firth and Natalie Onle succeed in keeping Fielding's too-perfect innocents on the right side of Jabberwocky is quite another

approach to costume pica-resque, cast in a mythical middle age. The anecdote how the cooper's son comes unwittingly to slav the labber-work that terrorises the realm King Bruno the Ouestionable-seems far too slight an excuse even for an absurdist farce. The presence of Terry Gilliam as director and Michael Palin in the leading role promises an idior's delight on the lines of Monry Python and the Holy Grail; but the film lacks both the abandoned

hit or miss gag or comic character to another, relying far too heavily on jokes about defection, urination and absurd anachronism.

In the absence of the Monty Python team, the cast is made up of strong but stylistically ill-assorted character comedians, mostly from television (Warren Mitchell, Harry H. Corbett, Rodney Bewes). Inevisably, the recoverestyl old mrn Max Wall resourceful old pro Max Wall dominates, as the crumbling monarch infesting a castle which is prone to fall to pieces

around him. You can retrace the origins of contemporary British comedy of the Ridiculous in Pleasure at Her Majesty's, Roger Graeff's record originally screened on television, of a charity benefit presented in aid of Amnesty International, by survivors of the Beyond the Fringe generation, their contemporaries and successors.

The film has a documentary

curiosity in catching occasional hints of altered personal relaronships, two decades on, of these former bright young things; and something too of their creative processes, as when Jonathan Miller, Alan Bennett, Peter Cook and Terry Jones are struggling to remember how they did their celebrated topographical Shakespearean parody. The show itself, when they eventually get round to it, rather unkindly distinguishes those who made the grade as professionals, and those who simply stayed clever young undergraduates going on middle age.

In the case of the Disney studios, the choice of period subjects is a purely economic strategy. Well dressed costume pictures do not readily date, and so fir better into the well-established Disney policy of regular reissues—a policy made possible by the rapid turnover of the juvenile audience, and which has sustained the Disney organization while much of the rest of Hollywood has suck around In an industry that seems to

have lost all sense of direction. it is impossible not to admire the calculation that goes into Disney feature production. It is a system designed to furnish a reliable standard product, precisely tailored to its purposes. Treasure of Matecumbe is a good example: a lively para-phrase of Treasure Island, based on a novel by Robert Lewis Taylor and set in Kentucky and the Florida Keys and Everglades just after the Civil War. The small hero receives a treasure map from his father's dying servant, and sets out in company with a black contemporary to retrieve the family fortunes. On the way they acquire as companions a colour-ful medicine man (Peter tion as well as the direction, inventiveness of Monty Python Ustinov) and a quirky runaway



Richard Pryor, Gene Wilder in "Silver Streak"

hearted Captain Spangler and his gang.

With a wealth of such irre-sistible Americana as paddle-boats and redskins, it is kid's stuff in the best sense, exciting without being frightening (there's only one death), amusingly written, fast-moving (the director was Vincent Mc-Eveety); with lively children and larger-than-life adults (except, it must be said, for the romantic lead, who is about as life-like as the Prince in Snow White).

The year 1943 is far enough away to be costume period; and if The Eagle Has Landed doesn't really look like the reality of the time, at least it recalls vividly the films of 30 years ago. So much so, that you are positively startled when someone, in suggesting a rather unmilitary form of punishment, suddenly takes off into seven-

ties style obscenity.

The film is based on Jack Higgins's novel about a plot to snatch Churchill from a Norfolk weekend and spirit him off to

bride (Joan Hackett), and Berchwsgaden to cheer up achieve their goal despite the Hitler, who is facing the pros-machinations of the black-pect of certain defeat. Even if you allow such a tall

story, the film calls for a fairly effortful suspension of disbelief to accept the stilted dialogue, the off-the-peg characters (Donald Pleasence as Himmler. Michael Standing as a Vicari or Donald Sumerland as a love old Irish patriot spying for the Germans. And can Dad's Army have really been so ineffective as to let whole units of German paratroops land in Nortolk, and E-boats sail up the rural streams? True, they might have been distracted by the marvels of this picture post-card East Coast village where sub-tropical flora blaoms and people wear cotton dresses, even though it's stated to be the moment of the Teheran Conference, which took place from November 27 to December Ever more taciturn, Michael Caine as the leader of the kidnap expedition never real!" lets on whether or not he believes a word of it. The director was John Sturges.

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The English National Opera production of The Bassarids. first given in Autumn, 1974 and now revived, is something of a virtuose affair. The set, by Timothy O'Brien and Tazeena Firth, is plain yet greatly striking: a circular concrete raft on a stage slatted in wood and progressively raked, with a dark glittering sky visible through it. During most of the opera the serried ranks of the maenads and bacchants are to be seen against it, a sinister omnipresence; and David Hersey's lighting, often using sharply-angled and tightly focused shafts, heightens its

suggestiveness. Henze, and his librettists Auden and Kallman, are well served. Possibly Euripides is less well served by that trio. The Bacchae is a marvellous topic for an opera, as others have

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Meyerbold treated as an artistic equal. Their association began

with the 1925 production of The Warrant, three years later while Meyerhold was rehears-

ing The Suicide Man the play was banned by the Party Central Committee and its author shortly vanished into a Sovier

labour camp. To this day the piece remains unperformed in

Let me record straight away that we owe a lor to Camden Council, the Jazz Centre Society and the BBC for making possible a whole week of first

rate jazz in Euston Road. That

gives me the chance to criticize the BBC for insisting, as their excuse to film the festival, on bringing the Clark Terry Big Band to the only available slot.

thus producing a Monday of

atrocious programming.

Those who had come to hear

had first to sit through a very abstract hour of Keith Tippen's

Ark. Those who did not walk out stayed to barrack and shout

Terry's straight forward music and Victor Sproles.

Suicide Man

Irving Wardle

Jazz Festival

Miles Kington

Camden

demonstrated; and Henze has rather than a positive one. shown in his earlier operas his qualifications for handling a theme of such grandeur and paralleling in terms of music the opposing forces it deals with And indeed he does just that, using his typically sweet, refined Italianate tonal palette for the Dionysiac elements (at least to start with) and darker, more austere sounds

But the opera, two and a half hours without a break, is prolonged by its self-indulgent text, with its stress on the literary and the symbolic. A more cogent, swiftly-moving libretto might have obviated the necessity for Henze's interval-substitute, the Intermezzo, a Freudian frolic in a camply decadent Marie Antoinette style observed by Pentheus much in the manner of, say, a Lord Longford at a strip show. The production does rather go to town here, as if the make contributions as the contribution of the if to make certain that no one takes it too seriously. As a joke it is too laboured and tou "in", and the music's humour lacks slickness. The episode

diverts in a negative sense

tion, gutsily played by outgoing students of the Rose Bruford College, does not supply the occasion for that kind of judg-ment. In the hands of a director

with Meyerhold's talent for the

grotesque it might emerge as a masterpiece. What appears in

Jean Benedern's version is a boisterously macabre satire

which manages to notch up many impishly subversive points in the act of ostensibly siding with the regime.

Semion is officially a parasite: which is to say he is memployed (there are plenty of jobs in Russia, his mother in the properties of the same planty of the same plant the same planty of the same plant the sa

law observes complacently; but not enough strings to go round). And having vainly attempted to

learn the tuba, he decides to do

away with himself. At once, a

and predictable soloists. What

saved their set was the flugel horn playing of Clark Terry himself, whose tone alone puts

him almost in the genius class,

and of the rhythm section

which had at least two very

fine musicians in Walter Bishop

showed eminently sensible

planning. The concert was, if

anything, a bit too sensible,

Last night, by contrast,

Following such a case, there is an obvious temptation to greet the play as a work of genius. Maxwell Shaw's production to account; and a martydom

The cast is little changed since 1974. Norman Welsby's sturdy, dark-voiced Pentheus struck me as having deepened and subtilized, especially in the latter part of the opera; and Katherine Pring's Agave, similarly, seems freer and more vigorously portrayed. Henze asks for Tiresias to be done in the manner of an Anglican archdeacon, but Kenneth Woollam's solution is surely wittier and apter. Dionysus's music is suavely sung by Gregory Demp-sey, the Captain's with proper

directness by Tom McDonnell. Anne Collins makes a sympa-thetic Beroe. The sole newcomer is Anne Conoley, as Autonoe in the main action and Proserpina (whose music she sang with particular style and

This impressive galaxy of solo performances was brought firmly into focus by the con-ductor, Mark Elder, who pro-duced in addition admirably sure and well shaded choral singing and precise, strongly characterized orchestral play-

incisiveness) in the Intermezzo.

lottery ensues, followed by a farewell party with the gar-landed Semion as guest of honour with nothing more to lose in this life. He telephones the Kremlin to deliver his considered judgment on Marx. His approach is very much

that of a Soviet Gogol, featuring a blank nonentity as a screen on which various social groups pro-ject themselves. It follows, therefore, that Semion fails to pull the trigger and his heroic hour subsides into his former obscurity with corresponding chaos in the grandiose funeral arrangements

Lines like "These days, only the dead can express the thoughts of the living " show Erdmann to have been a brave man as well as a gifted farceur. This production certainly proves that his work is still alive and kicking, and I hope it paves the way for revivals elsewhere.

Axel, Tony Coe's group, played beautifully controlled music from within the electric rock for Clark Terry to be brought on.
The crowd reaction was badmannered, bad-tempered, but absolutely justified: Tippett's stable, without ever really raising the temperature. guitar-bass duo of Louis Stewart and Peter Ind whis-pered charmingly through a set of standards, like water colours to be admired but not whistled twittering solemnity as I can recall.

After that, the crowd roared for Terry's band, although it was a very run-of-the-mill out-fit, with ordinary arrangements.

It was only when Jim Gallo-way and Buddy Tate took the stage with the Tony Lee trio that things started to steam a little. By the time I had to leave, it seemed that even al-though Buddy Tate was playing with the ringcraft of a long career, Jim Galloway, a Scottish saxophonist, who has fallen on good times in Canada, was likely to steal ahead on points through sheer speed, fire and

Turpin Time Jeanetta Cochrane

Ned Chaillet

Variety artistes and music-hall troupers, the classic clowns of the silent movies, learnt their pratfalls and "specialities" the best way, in front of live and very difficult audiences. Our clowns now, for the most part, end up trapped in situation comedies or refining their mastery of the put-down on audience-participation shows for television, although I see more and more pubs announcing music-ball weekend erammes. Sviveste McCov, a clown who

bas worked with Ken Campbell's Roadshow and proved himself a delightful actor, recently playing the cut-purse in Bartholomew Fair with mastery, is an exception. With the gifts of a practised mime he shamelessly steals movements and gestures from Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton and makes them his own. In Turpin Time be re-creates the cross-eved comedian who often appeared in early Chaplin films, Ben Turpin.

The story of Turpin's travel through vaudeville to Holly-wood is hardly distinguished, a repetition of similar rises to minor stardom, and Ken Hill, who has written and directed

the entertainment, nowhere in his story arranged a peek past the professional life. But the inspired zaniness of the golden age of slapstick make their way to the stage in McCoy's spirited clowning.
Agairst Belinda Ackerman's

inspired setting of blown-up cardboard figures, a piano and a table, McCoy wreaks gentle have, tearing the feathered drumstick from a chicken pun-pet, shuffling sausages like playing cerds in a fert of culinary legerdemain, briefly reviv-ing Turpin's stage re-creation of the Happy Hooligan, the strip hero of all time. He is fortunzte, too, in his straight-man and entire orchestra, Andrew Dickson, who plays piano, provides sound-effects and meets McCoy head-on with a custard

pie.
It is not the amiable but unlunchtime show I would urze people to see, but McCoy. The show has lively ideas, but leaps about from stunt to monologue, reminiscence to audience interplay, in the manner of a wag who di-gresses. McCoy dazzles, males the digression art-works. He invents from the debris of one skit, the comedy of the next. l am not certain, however, that the American voice he gives Turpin is not more indebted to Groucho Marx.

BBC SO/Colin Davis Festival Hall/Radio 3

William Mann The BBC has been celebrating

Sir William Walton's 75th birth-day with a will, and last night devoted its symphony concert on South Bank entirely to his works (on the actual birthday Belshaz-zar's Feast was broadcast from Huddersfield). The composer and Lady Walton were in the ceremonial box for the Wednes-day symphony concert day symphony concert, and at the end Sir William went on to the platform (in a wheelchair, alas) to acknowledge the vociferous applause.
Colin Davis and the BBC

Symphony Orchestra had led off in fine style with Crown Imperial, Walton's march for the coronation of George VI, though the interpretation was far from churchy or solemn, much more celebratory, with high animal spirits and strong, yet punctilious, rhythmic im-pulse for the busily optimistic pulse for the busily optimistic march section, and rousing delivery of the trio section's melody (beaten in two rather than four, a good idea).

Any fears that anticlimax must follow so dashing a curtain-raiser were happily dispelled by Mr Dains's reading of the first complions, for many

the first symptony, for many Walton admirers still his masterpiece. He used a large

yenom indeed at the end of the first movement

He brought out the sweetness and melancholy of the lyrical melodies, dawdling shemelessly over the slow movement (con malinconia, but hardly Andante, but have a make a ma but always emphasizing the symphony's closely worked texture, the wealth of thematic counterpoint which propels the music onward and renders in-evitable the fugato episodes of

the Finale.

The special excellence of the performance was its unsleeping tension, even in the leisurely Andante, so calculated as to point always towards the heroic coda of that Finale as culmination and resolution, guaranteed to draw us all to our feet, especially with the BBC Symphony Orchestra in generously responsive form.

The programme involved two of Walton's works involving a soloist. Peter Schidlof gave a fine-toned, rather understated account of the viola concerts, in any case a reticent work. To offset all this celebration of pre-war Walton, Robert Tear was on hand to sing Anon in Love, the light-fingered and insinuating song-set first com-posed in 1960 for tenor and guitar and more recently trans-cribed (with much subtlety) for accompaniment by strings, harp

and discreet percussion.

Mr Tear's intonation was sometimes uncertain, his enunorchestra, with a doubled horn ciation and legato line impecsaction, which added grand power to the climaxes, dogged the wit and charm in the songs.

Some of these reviews appeared in later editions of yester-

The Ombudsman must be seen to be on the people's side

On the tenth anniversary of the Ombudsman,

Sir Barnett Cocks argues

that the office should be an independent one

The devolution proposals which purport to strengthen democratic control over government activity in Scotland and Wales suggest a disturbingly casual approach. The Government White Paper on which the proposals are founded speaks in convincing terms of "the existing complaints machinery (the Ombudsman system)" as "an important man system)" as "an important protection for the citizen". The Government promises that com-parable machinery to investigate complaints of maladministration in lished by the devolution Bill. This is a misleading prospectus because, apart from the limited scope of the Health Service Commissioners and the Local Government signers, there is, in Government Commis-ere is, in fact, no Ombudsman to whom the individual citizen has access.

When the Bill for a Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration was introduced in 1966 by the then Leader of the House of Commons, Mr Richard Crossman, he dis-claimed any idea that the Government was surreptitiously copying the Scandinavian model. There was no question, he said, of bringing into the British constitution "the notion of the Ombudsman".

In Sweden and in other countries which have adopted its system the Ombudsman's duty is to investigate complaints by individuals outside Parliament against unjust or unfair actions by the agents of the state, In this country, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration is. as his title suggests, the servant of Parliament, only entitled to act at the request of a member, and not permitted to make inquiries into maladministration in government departments on his own account. The main control of executive actions by government departments is still provided by parliamentary questions, adjournment debates and

committees of inquiry. There has been no amendment of the parent Act setting up the office April 1, 1967-and there is nothing yet which can claim to be an effective and general ombudsman system in Britain. Dr Roy Gregory wrote, in his recent study in depth of the United Kingdom's complaints organ-ization, that "the logic of a Parlia-mentary Commissioner Scheme requires that MPs and only MPs should know of the Commissioner's

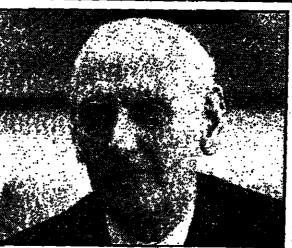
functions and existence". practice the complaints machinery is even more restricted than the public is led to believe. The Parliamentary Commissioner is responsible solely for complaints referred to him by members of the House of Commons, and not by the often less politically com-mitted members of the Lords.

Which members of the Commons are willing to invoke the services of the Parliamentary Commissioner? Their identities are not revealed, but as some four score members are also ministers in the Government, they can bardly be expected to indict the inefficiency of each other's departments of state It follows that any grievances of their constituents will not normally their constituents will not normally be handed to the Parliamentary Commissioner to investigate. In consequence, several hundred thousand voters are deprived of their full democratic rights. These could only be restored by direct access to an Ombudsman, unhindered by the present subordination to members.

In his annual report for 1976, Sir Idwal Pugh revealed that he had advised 154 complainants with prima facie valid grievances to ask a member to refer their complaint back to him. Only 52 of these evenually reached him for investigation. What happened to the emainder ?

The former Parliamentary Com-missioner, Sir Alan Marre, in a report written on the eve of his





Sir Alan Marre (left) and Sir Idwal Pugh.

whether sufficient regard was p being paid . . . to the convenience of members of the public". He added: "We have now and in prospect a series of 'Ombudeman' offices to which different methods of access are, or are to be, staru-torily specified, and a member of the public with a composite complaint can be faced with considerable procedural problems in arranging for its complete investigation. There is provision for a measure of coordination between some of the Offices of different

Commissioners ..."

He has only lifted a corner of the curtain which hides a bureaucratic picture of strange complexity. There is at present a strong team of Commissioners for various kinds of compleint set up to harass not only government departments but other Commissioners engaged in various executive activities. The origins of the confusion may be found in hasty legislation to which is often added a designedly helpful clause for the protection of the citizen. In this way, much modern bureaucracy, approved by diverse Acts of Parliament, is erected by compartments which might otherwise have been dealt with by a single Ombudsman Office. The process might be Office. The process might he described as bumbledom on the

To take an example, the Commissioner for Local Administration in England may be in conflict with the Countryside Commission; the commissioner for Local Administra-tion for Wales may be jousting against the Forestry Commission white arguing about jurisdiction with the Parliamentary Commis-sioner for Administration. The Parliamentary Commissioner currently representing the the offices of Health Service Commissioner for England, Health Service Commissioner for Wales and Health Service Commissioner for Scotland may be liaising with the newly of Parliamentary Commissioner—an retirement last year, bravely went; created Racial Equality Commission; tion. In his quadruple capaci office which came into operation on so far as to express doubts on on the question of coloured doctors. Parliamentary Commissioner

Health and safety at work are obvious factors leading to complaints by individuals. The Act of 1974 on that subject set up a Commission and an executive which operates at Chepstow Place, Paddington, with responsibility for enforcing the provisions of the statute and making new regulations, founded in some cases on complaints of lacunae in the law. At a different location in London-New Oxford Street-the Health Education Council, under a director general, is listening to complaints by individuals concerned with health education. There is also the with maladministration. Medicines Commission in Finsbury Square, which is advising the De-partment of Health and Social

Nationalized industries exempt from investigation by the Parliamentary Commissioner cause each parent Act includes its own complaints machinery every area, such as the Gas Consumers Councils, the Electricity Consumers Councils and the Transport Users Consultative Commit-

Security on issues of policy under the Medicines Act 1968. Liaison must be maintained by all other

all

Commissioners with

tees. In his annual report for 1975, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration gave some significant figures on the misconceptions in the public mind regarding his duties and the legislative restriction on his work. One thousand and sixty-eight written complaints came from individuals, all of whom had to be told that complaints could only be transmitted through mem-bers of Parliament. Cases referred by members themselves numbered 928 of which rather more than half (576) were invalid because they were found to be outside the Parliamentary Commissioner's jurisdiction. In his quadruple capacity as

three Health Service Commissioners, he was able to investigate a small number of complaints which fell under two Acrs, and save time by issuing a single report. In other cases the Parliamentary Commissioner has attempted to reduce the delays inherent in the present system by liaison with other statutory bodies so that a complainant does not find himself referred back and forth between his member and similar Commissioners concerned

One complaint involved both the acrons of a central government department and also the actions of a local authority. Legislation required a report by the Commissioner for Local Administration in Wales as well as a report by the Parliamentary Commissioner. The complainant was seen by officers from both bodies acting jointly, and while separate reports had still to be issued by each Commissioner, there was at least a joint agreement on the facts.

There are now separate Commissions for Local Administration in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, all four presumably busy with complaints and, hopefully, in close and constant liaison with each other and with the Parliamentary Commissioner in London over questions of jurisdic-

tion and of fact. These are some of the parts of an elaborate maze covering many separate areas of administration.
These could be "streamlined", in
the White Paper's own word, by the White Paper's own word, by creating a wide-ranging Ombuds-man system in place of the narrow the people uneasily occupied by the Parliamentary Commissioner. The total cost need not be higher than the fragmented machinery of today, but the frustrations of the present diverse agencies for dealing with complaints could be largely removed.

Meanwhile Members of Parlia-

ment have to concern themselves

more and more with work which in most cases ought to be within the responsibility of end bandled directly by an unfestered Ombuds-man. With the rapid spread of higher education since 1945, the educated electorate is a new constitutional factor whose impact on Parliament has not yet been fully appreciated there. In the whole year of 1847, there was a total of only 129 questions to ministers on various aspects of administration. while in the long parliamentary session of 1975-76 there were more than 40,500. To be in order, each question must involve the responsioility of a minister. This is an immense burden on Parliament. involving huge amounts of time, paper and strain on government

The raw material of parliamentary questions is mainly pro-vided by constituents, but members themselves have little time to analyse or follow up the brief answers given by departments. An Ombudsman would have both the time, the resources and the staff to process each complaint, to coordinate the raising of related grievances, and to discuss remedies with the departments concerned. The Parkamentary Commissioner for Administration is waiting in the wings to carry out all these duties, and his qualification to do so is unquestionable.

On the government side, there is even an expression of readiness to contemplate something of the kind. Speaking of the complaints procedure, the White Paper on devolution looks ahead with these cautious expressions:

"In the longer term, when the Government and the devolved administrations have had some experience in operating after devolution, there may be scope for them is collected. them, in collaboration to consider streamlining the present system."

There seems no need to wait so long to see what happens. The full ombudsman system has already been adopted in the Commonwealth. and there has been more than one example of how best to deal with complaints without either undermining the constitution or frustrating the individual citizen.

The new model has been developed with particular skill in Outario. Under the Ombudsman Acr which the Legislative Act which the Legislative Assembly passed in 1975, complete freedom of action was given to the Ombudsman to investigate administrative decisions and acts of government officials concerned with the province's 8,000,000 population.

British MPs recently complained that the House of Commons should have the opportunity of discussing whether the Parliamentary Commis-sioner "should invariably be a former civil servant". Having cast a stone in the direction of Sir Idwal Pugh, the select committee which reviews his work hastened to explain that there was no intention of histing him there was no intention of histing him there was "no criticism of his personal qualities or suitability", apart, presumably, from the fact that he had recently repred from a top post in the Civil Service. The Ontario Ombudsman was chosen from outside the government Service. He is Mr Arthur Maloney, QC, one of Canada's most notable criminal

The Control Ombudsman has a duty to report annually to the legislature but is otherwise unhampered in his powers either to investigate complaints or to institute an inquiry himself. The response to his appointment was demonstrated by the opening of 6,000 files of citizens' complaints against maladministration in the first year, and underlined by some members' dismay at the comparison with their own less alert sponsorship of grievances.

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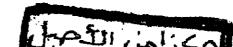
Akthough the financial cost has not been negligible, the social profit has been impressive. In Toronto, a city of 2,750,000, the languages spoken in the offices of the Ombudsman by his interviewing staff include Chinese. Czech, Dutch, Estonian, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Filipino, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian, Stanish, Ukrainian and Yiddish, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian, Spanish, Ukrainian and Yiddish, The suspicions and grievances capable of being dealt with in the native tongues of the complainants are remedied by action or assuaged by explanation instead of being left to fester until some dissident group weaves these polyglot complaints into a pattern of conspiracy and street rioting.

Complainants, however humble, are invited to bring their grievances direct to the office of the Ombudsman. Premises which are easy to find opposite Toronto's City Hall in the Thomson building have been purvosely chosen in order to avoid any suggestions. order to avoid any suggestion of sovernment supervision. The in-formal atmosphere of the waiting room creates an unofficial setting in which complainants are encouraged to speak their minds and to feel that the Ombudsman is on their side from the start, and not just another Commissioner froming for the government.

There is no Ombudsman service of this character or magnitude in London, and its merits ought in be studied before the law provides new, expensive, but still inadequate Ombudsman services for Scotland and Wales.

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MLR is cut again and Treasury hints at floating rate bond issue soon

What is proving a highly-active week in financial markets vesterday brought a one-point cut to 91 per cent in the Bank of England's minimum lending rate, the announcement of a ew 5800m give-edged stock and an indication that the authorities may soon experiment with a floating rate government

The Bank of England's move in setting its minimum lending rate on a Thursday rather than after Friday's Treasury bill tender was prompted for two main reasons.

The first was that with money market rates falling rapidly it wanted to give the financial community a clear indication of its post-Budget thinking ahead of this week's Treasury bill

tender.

The second reason was that it needed to set the scene for the later announcement of the £800 gilt-edged stock. This too would normally not have been announced until this afternoon, but on this occasion arrange-ments had to be moved forward 24 hours to allow adequate time fo: applications to be sub-mitted and dealings to start before the Easter holiday.
In cutting MLR by one point

By Peter Hill New curbs on imports of low

from Macao are to be limited to 400,000 pieces, while imports of women's, girls' and infants' blouses and shirt blouses from

the same source will be limited

to one million pieces.
The restriction follows a

sharp rise in both products over

the past two years. Imports of men's jackets and blazers from

Macao rose from 96,000 pieces in 1975 to 382,000 last year

while the women's wear imports increased from 155,000 to

96,000 over the same period.

News of the announcement came as the British textile

industry reaffirmed its call for a fundamental renegotiation of

Curbs on Far East

clothing imports

and did not want the general level of interest rates to move much lower for the time being. On the basis of last night's trading prices, today's Treasury bill tender looks likely to be in line with the new rate for MLR. If this proves to be the case,

then the market-related formula for setting MLR will be automatically reactivated. Were the bill rate to drop still further, however, the market-related formula would remain in suspen-The Bank's wish to see

degree of moderation maintained in the pace of decline in interest rates flows largely from its view that there are still a number of potential obstacles to be overcome, not least the negotiations for the next phase of incomes policy.
On the other hand it is clearly pleased at the favouris happy to see interest rates somewhat lower to try and curb the embarrassingly-large inflows of foreign money into the

Meanwhile, with sentiment in the gilt market remaining favorable, the authorities are continuing their policy of launching partly-paid gilt-edged

In cutting MLR by one point the Bank made it clear that it was bringing the rate into line with recent market movements the signed to avoid depressing the monetary aggregates too much

in the short term, yet commit-ting investors to providing the finance the Government will need once it has moved into its

new financial year.

The new stock, which follows last week's offer of £800m of partly-paid Exchequer 124 per cent stock, 1992, is of much per cent stock, 1992, is of much shorter maturity. It is Exchequer 9½ per cent, 1982, which at its issue price of £97 per cent offers a flar yield of 9.54 per cent and a gross redemption yield of 9.99 per cent. Only £15 per cent is payable on application—lists close next Wednesday—with calls for £25.

Wednesday—with calls for £25 per cent falling on May 12 and £57 per cent on July 4.

It was also made clear yester-day.

It was also made clear yester-day in a parliamentary reply that the Treasury has decided in principle to experiment with a floating rate government bond if conditions seem appropriate. The right conditions are generally when investors feel that interest rates are likely to rise and fixed interest stocks are, therefore, unattractive. It will, however, he a number

It will, however, be a number f weeks before the necessary technical details have been agreed with the Stock Exchange and statutory instruments can be laid before Parliament to extend the investment powers of trustee bodies and building societies, whom the authorities

believe would be interested Financial Editor, page 21

TASS wins inter-union status battle

By Derek Harris

The TUC has come down on

revisions. Over the past two years 100,000 jobs disappeared. If present trends in imports con-

present trends in imports continued, the European textile industry could lose 1.6 million jobs by 1985.

Dr Smith told the BTC's annual luncheon in London that it was important that the United Kingdom achieved a balanced growth in imports and that import market shares that import market shares should be related to a reason-

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cost clothing from the Far East were announced by the Govern-ment yesterday. This move by the Department of Trade is the The talks on the future of the MFA, due to begin later this month (April) in Geneva latest in a series of measures taken to protect the United although there are signs that the United States may be prepared to lend its support to the majority of Community countries who want a revision Kingdom textile industry from inroads being made into the domestic market by low cost foreign suppliers of clothing. This year, imports of men's and boys' jackets and blazers

the Gatt Multi Fibre Arrange-

of its terms. Dr Brian Smith, the new president of the British Textile Confederation, said vesterday that more jobs would be in jeopardy unless there were

able base period.

Levy on Spanish steel

Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, announced yesterday that a provisional anti-dumping duty of £31.50 a tonne is being imposed on the Spanish steel

sections from today. At the beginning of February the Government announced full anti-dumping investigation into the imports, and the Department of Trade approached the Spanish government to try to secure a voluntary agreement. Talks are continuing, but be-

Curbs on imports of light cause of the high level of imsteel sections from Spain have ports from Spain in February, been imposed by the Government has decided to

impose the duty forth with. Last night the British Inde-pendent Steel Producers' Association, which has been strongly campaigning for a tougher ap-proach towards low-cost imports, welcomed Mr Dell's announcement. The action, is said, matched similar measures taken against imports of stainless steel bars from Spain last

September. It is expected that the Government will shortly announce new measures against steel imports from other sources.

the side of the Technical Administrative and Supervisory Section (Tass) of the Amal-gamated Union of Engineering Workers in the first round of an inter-union battle over recruitment of professional

setback for the Electrical Power Engineers' Association (EPEA) which has been pursuing an expansionist policy for new

But Mr John Lyons, EPEA's general secretary, last night made clear that it would not deflect association policy to widen its membership from its present base of the electricity supply industry into the private

He said: "It is a disappointing decision. But we always knew we could not expect to win every case. There are many more cases still to come. The decision by a TUC dis-

putes committee concerned recruitment of professional Equipment comrlex at Whet-stone, Leicestershire. Mr Ken Gill, TASS's general secretary, had invoked the Bridlington agreement, covering non-poaching for members between TUC-

affiliated unions. TASS accused EPEA of creating exceptional difficulties for furthering TASS recruiting. This the committee upheld and EPEA has been asked to cease

recruitment. It has also been asked to advise its Whetstone members already recruited to transfer to TASS. But even if it does this TASS will not necessarily gain the engineers' membership because, unlike EPEA, TASS has not been recommended as a suitable trade union by the engineers' own professional body, the Council of Engineering Tations and the council of Engineering Ta

ing Institutions Other sites where the two unions are clashing includes three Lucas Aerospace factories at Birmingham Another possible focus is a GEC factory

at Stafford.
Inquiry backed: "Very strong" support for a full Government inquiry into the engineering pro-fession came last night from the fession came last night from the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS). The TUC has already called for an inquiry, and a decision is expected soon from Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, on whether to hold it.

British Steel acquires stockholder

British Steel Corporation has further increased its stake in stockholding with the acquisi-tion of David Bennie and Sons, and its subsidiary, Bennie

Steel Sheet. A Scottish company, it employs 50 people and has a turn-over of £2m. It is a flat rolled steel sheet processor and

over of £2m. It is a flat rolled steel sheet processor and stockholder. The price paid was not disclosed.

The corporation said Bennie Steel Sheet would become part of Lye Spencer Steel Services, the flat rolled products division of British Steel Service Centres, the RSC's

Service Centres, the BSC's stockholding group.

The corporation's growing involvement on the stockholding side has been a source of ing side has been a source of anxiety among other stock-holders, although its share of the total United Kingdom market will be limited to 15 percent, with the approval of the Government and the EEC.

BSC established its service centres operation in 1974 and has since made a number of acquisitions.

NEDO chief urges Parliament link

By Malcolm Brown

A call for a formal link between Parliament and the National Economic Development Office was made last night by Sir Ronald McIntosh, director general of the NEDO.

Sir Ronald, expressing a view which is now gaining support, particularly among industrialists, told a Bow Group meeting in London that what he would most like to see would be a decision by the appropriate select committee or subcommittee to maintain a continuing watch over the activities of NEDO and its asso-

vities of NEDO and its associated tripartite groups.

"This would presumably involve the committee in taking people from industry who gave
evidence periodically from the their time to NEDO, Sir

Iran bid for

By Roger Vielvoye Energy Correspondent The Shah of Iran and Veba,

the German oil and chemical tompany—two of the front runners who tried to buy a stake in British Petroleum after

the Bank of England acquired the Burman shareholding in BP

in 1974—are unlikely to renew their bids when part of the company's stock comes on to

the market.

Iran made several approaches in 1975 about buying into BP when they were running considerable surpluses on their growing oil accounts. According to informed sources, Iranian interest in BP has declined as the country's financial problems have grown.

the country's financial prob-lems have grown.

Veba, in which the German Government has a 40 per cent stake, was encouraged by its principal shareholders to seek a private placement of BP shares. Negotiations were held with the Bonk of England, but the company dropped out be-cause there was no prospect of an early sale.

However, there is still con-

However, there is still con-siderable interest in the stock

spread among as many share-holders as possible.

ing in BP, the Government's traditional 48 per cent holding

has been increased to nearly

70 per cent. The BP chairman said that

after the sale the government stake would be 51 per cent, but it had been indicated that there

would be no change in the traditional relationship between

the state and the company,

Presenting the company's re-

port and accounts, yesterday, Mr Steel said his group was

He hoped BP would sign the final North Sea oil participa-tion pact with the Government

and the British National Oil Corporation "any moment

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the market.

BP stake

less likely

Earlier Sir Ronald had given a warning that the industrial decline had gone a long way in the United Kingdom and would take unremixing effort

"applied over a period covering the normal lifetime of at least three Parliaments" to reverse.

Many people had not yet un-derstood the true extent of the United Kingdom's loss of com-petitiveness over the last 20

peticiveness over the last 20 years.

"It is not simply that we have fallen behind the most successful industrial countries in performance; the speed of their advance is now so great that the question will soon arise whether we can ever hope to rejoin their league at all. Certainly we shall not do so unless we apply our minds to the problem much more systematically and continuously than we have done so far."

of National Savings, Introduced on December 13

the issue closed yesterday and total sales could

reach £850m, making it the most successful issue of National Savings Certificates.

Low demand

worrying

to Herbert

Alfred Hurbert, the machine

tool manufacturer owned by

the National Enterprise Board,

made pre-tax profits of

£685,000 last year against a loss

of £13.4m in the previous 14

The result, however, has been

artificially inflated by the re-

lease of £373,000 of provisions

made in the previous accounts

and an exceptional profit of

£721,000 after a change in stock

tions. On a strict basis, then,

requirements but he was con-

he wished that there was more evidence that the group would

Sales for the two financial

periods were roughly static at just over £49m which, annualiz-

ing earlier turnover, shows a

to the effects of inflation. Price

get a "flood of orders".

Herbert is still in deficit.

months period.

work-in-progress valua-

By Our Financial Staff

IBM test for unions at workers' ballot box More than 13,000 employees

yesterday took part in a ballot which will determine whether IBM United Kingdom can withstand the storm of egalitarian legislation and remain a bastion of non-unionized labour within Britain.

The ballot is the outcome of a battle which has been waged between IBM's management and four trade unions since the middle of last year when the Association of Scientific Man-agerial and Technical Staffs applied to represent the 2,000 workers at the company's Greenock plant in Scotland.

Since then, the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, the Technical Administrative and Supervisory Section (TASS) and the Electrical, Electronic. Telecommunications and Plumbing Union-Electrical Engineer ing Staffs Association (EETPU-EESA) have also claimed an interest in being represented within the company.

All made their pitch under the provisions of the Employment Protection Act which allows a union seeking to become the bargaining agent for a company's employees to apply to the Advisory Concilia-tion and Arbitration Service for the right.

Yesterday's ballot was organized by ACAS. It formulated a five point questionnaire after much hard bargaining between representatives of the company and the unions

The questions have caused acrimony between the unions and the company. Fundamentally, the question centres on whether or not IBM employees would be better served in terms of salary and conditions if they had a union to represent them.

The unions maintain that the employees would not enjoy their standard of remuneration and conditions unless the company had been forced to recog-nize yardsnicks established at companies where unions were active.

The company, however, maintains that its pay scales and conditions are "significantly higher than most unionized companies in the United King-

In addition, the company be-lieres that its record of no strikes, no lays offs and full employment during its 25 years in Britain shows no need for

such representation. For historical reasons, the company's employees at Greenock are more likely to vote for trade union represen-

A fairer measure of financial performance, Mr John Buckley, the chairman, believes, would be to compare profits before tax, interest and exceptional items of £1.46m tation than their colleagues in with the equivalent loss of other parts of the organization. £5.71m for the earlier 14 It is not yet clear whether the Greenock result will be con-sidered separately or not. Yes-Mr Buckley said he sincerely could generate immediate cash said it would take "some weeks" to study the results of cerbed in the short-term bethe questionnaires, and only cause of the low level of machine tool demand. He said then would the service make its

Tim Jones

Stock Exchange given go ahead to Talisman

The Stock Exchange has been given the go-ahead by its mem-bers to develop Talisman, the new computerized settlement system. As expected a proxy yote showed that members were

Certificate Office in Durham yesterday, repre-senting about £14m of the certificates which have Share prices fade with bout of profit-taking

Over 3 cwt of 16th issue National Savings Certificates were weighed in at the Savings

Shares were unable to recover from an early bout of profit-

among German banks. Mr David Steel, chairman of taking on the stock market in London yesterday, and Wed-nesday's gains were lost. BP, said yesterday that the company would welcome the sale of some stock abroad, but The FT ordinary share index closed 7.8 lower at 419.4, with the 1 per cent cut in MLR, he would prefer to see no one acquire a holding of more than largely discounted, bringing only a minimal response. This 5 per cent. He wanted the stock disappointing session was despite a strong company news list Mr Healey's Budget confirmation of the share sale was "thoroughly welcome" Mr yesterday. "thoroughly welcome" Mr Steel said. Since it acquired the former Burmah sharehold-

Among them, Lucas Indus-tries, the vehicle and aircraft equipment group, increased profits by 65 per cent to £34.7m in the six months to January 31 on a rise in sales from £327m to £418m.

Lucas experienced particularly strong demand in Europe, and diesel injection sales started to benefit from the investment programme. Mr Bernard Scott, the chairman, said he expected the group's

buying about 80 per cent of its buying about 80 per cent of its requirements from members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Counties,

He hoped BP would sign the 1975. An 18 per cent improved ment in overall sales reflected a recovery in volume in confectionery in the United Kingdom A strong second-half per-formance in Australia was another contributory factor.

45ip. London Brick was hit by the

effects of the unusually wet and protracted winter months. Profits at £10.5m pre-tax fell into the lower range of stock market estimates. Disappoint-ment with the figures, com-pounded by the fact that much of the growth came from higher investment income, left the shares 2p lower at 49p. Profits of Bowater, the paper

pulp and packaging group, climbed from £52.9m to £78.3m last year. Of this \$8.4m was the result of the decline in the value of the pound, but the group has shown a particularly strong revival in the United Kingdom, where profits rose from £4.8m to £21.2m. Excluding exchange

adjustments, profits Bowater's dominant American interests were slightly Meanwhile, Dalgety, the inter-

improved performance to be national merchant, announced a one-for-four rights issue to raise £11.9m chiefly to fund bury Schweppes produced 1976 further capital investment in its United Kingdom operations. Pitched at 187p—a discount of just under 22 per cent—the offer was accompanied with a promise to raise full-year dividends by 29 per cent. The shares responded with a rise of 2p to 241p.

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Hawker joins bidding for Morris

By Ray Maughan Hawker Siddeley, the aircraft and engineering group, emerged yesterday as a counter-bidder for crane maker, Herbert

Its terms of 2450 in cash, value Morris at £8.3m and therefore

Two other potential bidders are thought to be in the wings at present. One is a substantial British company whose recent interest has been firm. Babcock, for its own part, is still convinced of the commercial benefits of its offer made

top the third and latest offer from Babcock & Wilcox by 40p per share. Hawker's terms have been accepted by the Morris

after the Monopolies Commis-sion had given the go-ahead and price of 120p. It remains hopefits of putting Morris's pro-ducts through its expanding United States distribution net-

Its offer closes on April 30 next and, under Takeover Panel rules, could be extended as long as the Hawker offer remains

vesterday that, although it will not hurry a decision on the future of its 39.2 per cent Morris stake, a new move must be considered within the next

Morris is forecasting profits of 53.1m against E. Am for the year to end-October next for fully taxed earnings of 43p per share. Gross total dividend of 30.77p per share has already been predicted. Hawker Siddeley sees Morris acquisitions

ties both in the United Kingdom and overseas. If successful it will be buying land and build-ings which have recently been valued at a surplus of over £3m to book value net of a notional tax charge.

The new bidder has long been seen as a predator within the engineering sector. Nationalization yesting day on Nationalization vesting day on April 29 will take out aircraft earnings of £6.8m from the below the line total of £22m in the latest half yearly figures. Hawker's first priority in replacing these earnings, Mr Alex Laurence, the finance director, said yesterday, is to its continuing businesses in electrical tinuing businesses in electrical and mechanical engineering which will inevitably involve

Bank sells 1.56 28.50 62,00 1.81 9.98 6.50 8.44 4.05

The Times index: 172.24-2.20 How the markets moved The FT index: 419.4-7.8

THE POUND Rises Australia \$ 1.61
Austria Sch 30.50
Belgium Fr 65.00
Canada \$ 1.86
Demark Kr 10.38
Finland Mkk 6.75
France Fr 8.76
Germany Dm 4.27
Greete Dr 64.75
Hongkoug \$ 3.20
Italy Lr 1535.00
Japan Yn 500.00
Netherlands Gld 4.45
Norway Kr 9.26
Portugal Esc 5 Alrica Rd 1.87
Spain Pes 121.50
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Switzerland Fr 4.54
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6p to 18p 6p to 290p 12p to 196p 6p to 184p 6p to 316p 1p to 81p 2p to 16p 3p to 282p 12p to 400p 4p to 468p 4p to 38p Avana Group Metal Box Pork Farms Rank Org Royal Slater Walker Textured Jersey Thorn Electric Tube Invest Warne Wright Equities fell on profit taking. Gilt-edged securities parrowly mixed. rate was unchanged at 61.8. Dollar premium 113,50 per cent SDR-S was 1.15916 on Thursday while SDR-E was 0.673891. Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1,731.2 (previous 1,732.9). Gold was \$1 an ounce down at \$148. (effective rate 40.417 per cent).

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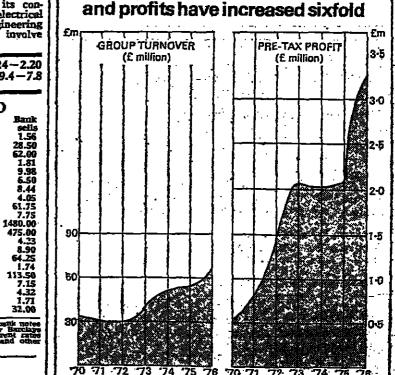
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increases in many markets, nonetheless, were impossible to obtain because of tight compe-tive conditions. Taking out cutting tools, which are con-centrated in the United King-dom, around 50 per cent of Herbert's output is exported. three-to-one in favour of the scheme. Actual votes cast were 2,315 in favour; 837 against.

Record Profits 56% up on last year Last 6 years turnover has doubled



Copies of the Report and Acopunts for 19/5/26 can be obtained from the Secretary. The Sects & Portland Group Limited, 20 Manyers Street, Bath, BA1 11.X.

The Bath & Portland Group

shareholders of Lloyds Bank Limited was held on 31 March 1977 at the Head Office, 71 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3BS. Sir Eric Faulkner, MBE, the Chairman, presided The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting and Mr J.B. Sewell read the report of the auditors. The Report of the Directors and the Accounts were received and adopted. The Chairman paid tribute to the services

Lloyds Bank

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the

retiring directors were re-elected. A special resolution as set out in the notice of meeting was passed to alter the Articles of Association of the Company.

Mr E.O.L. Vaughan and Mr C.R. Vincent

who did ant seek re-election. The other

of Mr W.F. Cartwright LLD, DL,



American oil affiliates expected to Banks lending less to boost investment in UK by 19pc

From Frank Vogl **US Economics Correspondent** Washington, March 31

Brinish-based affiliates American companies plan to increase their capital expenditures by about 10 per cent. This year to \$4,400m, against

an estimated 8 per cent rise totalling \$4,000m in 1976.

According to a Department of Commerce survey conducted in December capital spending by majority owned foreign affiliates of United States corporations will be stepped up 12 per cent to \$28,900m, compared with a decline of 4 per cent last year.

Oil company affiliates are again likely to be the largest capital spenders abroad, and much of their United Kingdom expenditure will be by these The survey shows that oil

companies intend to raise capital spending by 19 per cent to capital outlays to drop 3 per

11,100m, after a 2 per cent gain last year. The Commerce Department said the higher spending is largely accounted for by companies involved in oil production in the Middle East and

A dramatic change in investment pleaning seems to have taken place among United States affiliates in Britain in the second half of 1976. This possibly indicates increasing confidence in the British economic outlook on the part of their leading executives, as well as some substantial miscalculations on their part on the speed with which they could realize their capital spending intentions.

Planned expenditure in the United Kingdom by these com-panies will increase by 10 per cent. However, a Department survey conducted last June showed that these same com-panies expected their 1977 expected

June survey also put planned 1976 capital outlays as rising by 16 per cent, while the December survey showed that this figure had actually been

The 10 per cent planned spending increase compares with actual percentage rises by United States affiliates Britain of 37 per cent in 1975; 14 per cent in 1974 and 43 per cent in 1973.

The December survey also indicated that United States oil affiliates primarily involved in distribution and refining intend to boost capital expenditures in France and Japan, while cutting spending levels in West Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Bahamas.

Non-oil manufacturing foreign afffiliates plan to raise their spending by 11 per cent to \$11,100m, after recording a 5 per cent fall in 1976 compared

developing nations

conomics Correspondent

As negotiations proceed for some new source of funds for International Monetary Fund, commercial bank lending to developing countries has fallen sharply. According to preliminary estimates by Morgan Guaranty Trust of New York in its latest issue of the authoritative World Financial Markets, total non-Opec-developing country borrowing in the first quarter was down by \$2,100m to \$2,500m.

Some of the drop was explained by an improving balance of payments position caused by higher commodity prices. It is rent year the balance of pay-ments deficits of the 12 countries which have been the biggest borrowers, will drop some \$2,000m to \$11,000m.

But there is also definite indication of a switch in the lending policies of banks which beginning to force the

developing countries to look more to official sources of finance, and less towards the

commercial markets.

There has been considerable concern, particularly in the United States, about the growing role of developing country dehts in bank balance sheets. It seems to be generally accepted that commercial bank lending will have to play a dominant role in the coming year in financing the problems caused to countries by the deficits which are associated with the surpluses of oil countries

as Germany. rests on a fallacy: hardly any power stations burn natural gas. Almost all burn the lowest However, bankers are clearly trying to bring in the IMF to a more positive role, if only begrade of coal which would otherwise be building into huge tips. Natural gas is used only by the few stations with cause it has the power to enforce conditions on countries. Thus, ensuring that a country gets the IMF seal of approval the additional facilities to burn it when demand for natural can be the first step towards making that country a good risk gas is slack.

and some western nations such

Satellites may link N Sea rigs

By Kenneth Owen Technology Correspondent

for the agency.

Results of the study were presented to the agency and other organizations in London yesterday by Marconi Communication Systems. The two satellites are the European Communication Satellite (ECS) and the Maritime Orbital Test

communications.

The problems of adapting these planned designs to the requirements of offshore communications - including the mixed use of the ECS by users of both large and small terminals, and the shared use of Marots by both ships and rigswere examined.

Earlier studies had lished that there was no funda-mental technical obstacle to using satellites of the ECS and Marots type to provide com-munications for the offshore energy units in the European sea areas. This latest study has gone on to give a detailed technical definition of how this

Communications for offshore From Mr A. E. Scriven platforms, rigs and support vessels in the North Sea in the Sir. Is the anti-electricity lobby really as misinformed as Mr Reynolds's letter (March 29) suggests? Or are they trying to deliberately mislead? 1980s could be provided by two satellites which are planned by the European Space Agency, according to a detailed study which has just been completed Mr Reynolds may have put forward a simplified version of Professor Benson's arguments but in doing so he has com-pounded the original errors. No one is suggesting that gas

Satellite (Marots).

Main use of the ECS will be to relay television programmes via large earth terminals. Marots is intended for shipping

adentation should be done.

A small terminal able to com-

municate from offshore plat-forms via satellite would cost about £265.000 at current prices, Marconi estimates.

Tax and the building industry

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

10 per cent from oil residue.

That the coal has no alterna-

should ask his local miners where they would be without

the electricity supply industry.

Incidentally, there is a very useful by-product of burning

this high ash content coal in power stations in the form of

the various lightweight aggre-gates and insulating building blocks that are made from the

The debate is about whether

we should use a valuable mate-rial like gas in boilers at all.

And most certainly, whether we should allow misleading claims about its relative effi-ciency to cause a decline of

if our power industry is run

down now, we will be faced with the crippling costs of im-

porting, at a time when the whole world will be competing

Sir, You reported today (March 29) that Mr Benn, in answering questions on the

price of gas, said that the in-crease over the last three years

In my quarterly account dated March 5, 1974, the price, on "Gold Star" rariff, was 6.825p

per therm. In the correspond-

ing account for March 7 this

year the price was 14.1p, an increase of 107 per cent in three years. A further 10 per

cent on current prices will

open the gap to 127 per cent.

had been 57 per cent.

K. S. JEFFERIES,

12 Burdon Lane, Cheam, Surrey SM2 7PT.

for the same service. Yours faithfully,

A. E. SCRIVEN.

Kennington.

8 St Mary's Walk,

and the rest from hydro.

The most effective use

of gas and electricity

and a fallacious view

29) can be assured the most

effective use of energy is of

concern to the proponents of

belief in the importance of the

Unfortunately his entire argument against the use of

electricity for domestic heating

Over 80 per cent of our homes use electricity for some form of heating. To curtail its availability as Mr Reynolds advocates would be to ignore

what most people want. Yours faithfully,

25 North Row, London W1R 2BY, March 29.

TERRY GODDARD, Chairman, The Electric Heating Bureau,

be burnt in power stations.

The choice, therefore, is not, as Mr Reynolds suggests,

between burning gas directly at home as opposed to using it to

produce electricity. As has been stated in your columns many, many times, electricity in this country is produced

From Mr Wilfred Burnstone

Sir. Mr Winckles (Business

Letters, March 27) is mistaken

in thinking that the price rise

The new tariffs take effect

in respect of gas consumed from

the first meter reading on or

after April 1. This means that

until the meter is read on or

after April 1 gas will

nal shutdown. A company spokesman said yesterday that

because of the cab assembly

men's refusal management had

started talks with their union, the Amalgamated Union of

More than 50,000 small companies will be able to offer

employes from the introduction today of a new centralized peusion scheme for CBI mem-bers. It replaces the original scheme created to meet the last

Conservative Government's pen-sions legislation. The scheme

US talks for Mr Benn

Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy will fly to the

United States on Sunday for four days of talks with members of the Carter administration. He will see Dr James Schlesinger, Secretary for Energy designate; Mr Richard Coper, Under-Secretary for Fornamic and Pariners Affilia

Engineering Workers.

CBI pensions plan

charged at the old rate.

WILFRED BURNSTONE,

Secretary, British Gas Corporation,

39 Bryanston Street,

Marble Arch. London W1A 2AZ

March 28

Yours faithfully,

for gas will be retrospective.

Mr Therm at the old price

Sir, Following Mr A. Lewis's From Mr Terry Goddard mainly from materials which Sir, Peter Reynolds (March (a) have no other real com29) can be assured the most mercial outlet and (b) would comments on the problems in the constructional industry created by the advent of the new tax certification system not be converted into energy concern to the proponents of at all if not used in power electricity. We share also his stations. Some 70 per cent of March 28) may I suggest the

United Kingdom's electricity is produced from low-grade coal, As deduction of tax by the contractor absolves the sub-con-tractor of further responsibil-12 per cent from nuclear fuels ity for the remission of that sum to the Inland Revenue, tive outlet may be witnessed by the government, last week, giving the South of Scotland Electricity Board a subsidy of then bona fide evidence of that deduction (Form SC60) sub-mitted in lieu of payments made to the Inland Revenue in respect of PAYE and NIC remittances should prove sat-£35m to encourage them to use this poor coal. Mr Reynolds isfactory to the inspectorate.

This was our confingency plan had we not received our certificate by the due date, and should enable those not so fartunate to escape the diastrous consequences of having to finance a double taxation situa-

Perhaps the Inland Revenue may care to give a ruling. Yours faithfully, C. A. FAIRBAIRN, Managing Director,

Merseyside Metal Limited. 22 St John's Road, Bankhall. Liverpool L20 8BH.

ciency to cause a decline of our electrical power industry, particularly bearing in mind the admirted short finite life of these gas supplies. There is no question at all but that, in 10 or 15 years, a very substantial new capital programme will be required to convert back from gas to electricity and if our power industry is run. Back-dated television

licences

From Mrs S. A. Palmer Sir, Can someone tell me why a similar system of licence renewal cannot be adopted for television to that which currently operates for driving licences? I note that my driving licence expires at midnight on a specific date.

Your correspondent, S. C. Cole (March 25) was fortunate indeed in being allowed by the national Television Licence Records Office in Bristol in make payment in advance for a colour licence expiring on

My licence, bought on March 26 for my new television—not a replacement—expires on February 28 1978. If I were allowed to make advance payment to gain the advantage enjoyed by S. C. Cole, viz avoidance of probable licence fee increase in the budgetary statement, I would be breaking the law till April 1.
What redress have I for the

26 days' fine imposed on me by the Post Office? Yours faithfully, SHEILA A. PALMER, Rising Sun. Shoreham. Sevenoaks, Kent TN14 7SD.

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OECD says corporation

broke code Paris, March 31.-A number of multinational corporations are accused of ignoring the code of conduct guidelines agreed last June by members of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

The accusations were put forward by representatives of the Trade Union Advisory Committee of the OECD at a meeting of the organization's committee for international investment and multinational enterprises.

Although TUAC presented a list of 15 "cases of violation" of the guidelines, what is said to be a test case involves a Belgian unit of Badger, an American company, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Raytheon Corporation.

Badger-Belgium, ser up in Antwerp in 1965, closed down in January and dismissed its 250 workers without severance pay, required under Belgian law, Mr Henry Bernard, TUAC secretary-general, said.

He added that the parent company refused to pay The Belgian government had taken up the matter with Washington. "The United States administration has shown plenty of goodwill, but it is subjected to strong pressure by multinational corporations", he said.

The TUAC has also called for the setting up of inter-miniserial administrative units especially responsible for surveillance of the application of the guidelines".

Japan car makers turn to Europe was that they would seek to increase their share of the Ger-Concentration on the Euro-pean market was inevitable if

Correspondent
Japanese car makers could be japanese car makers count be exporting a million cars to Western Europe within five years. Marketing is expected to be particularly aggressive in West Germany, France and Italy where Japanese import penetration is now very small.

According to a study* published yesterday, the Japanese are likely to concentrate their future sales efforts in Western Europe because of limited growth prospects in the north American market which has recently taken about 45 per cent of all Japanese passenger

Babcock wins

water contract

Ames Crosta Babcock, a com-

pany in the Babcock and Wilcox

work, including a diesel power generating station, and is ex-

pected to take over two years

SIRDAR

Interim Financial Statement

The group results for the 28 weeks to the 14th January

28 weeks to 14.1.77

£264,000

£243,000

ordinary shares of 1-15p per share (1976: 1-04p per share) payable on the 19th May 1977 to all ordinary shareholders on

business. Although rising wool prices continued to threaten

margins the results of trading in Sirdar yarns has been most

satisfactory in the early season and the disappointing results are

The current phase of plant replacement is almost

complete. Hayfield is now operating more profitably and given a

continuation of the present high level of sales, group profit for

P.O. Box 31, Alverthorpe, Wakefield, WF2 9ND, Yorkshire.

the register of members at the close of business on the

satisfactory. Sales of Hayfield yarns however were less

reflected in the group profit for the half-year.

the second half-year is expected to improve.

The directors have declared a net interim dividend on the

Turnover has increased both in value and in the volume of

£507,000 £504,000

9.1.76

£252,000

£252.000

£942,000

£453,000

£489,000

1977 (unaudited) are compared below with those of the

corresponding period to 9th January results for the year ended 30th June 1976.

Group Profit

before taxation

Less: Taxation

25th April 1977.

SIRDAR LIMITED

at 52%)

(U.K. estimated

£70m Saudi

Japanese motor industry was to maintain its growth in export sales. In 1975, West European car imports, virtually all from Japan, had risen to about 500,000, with a 10 percent share of the British market. If the Branky and Scanding ket. If the Benelux and Scandinavian markets were included the Japanese had achieved an overall market share of 5 per

The study, which dealt with the growth of the world's car carrying fleet, said that while the Japanese might defer their marketing efforts for fear of EEC retaliation, the probability

man, French and Italian markets to at least 5 per cent. In the rest of Europe a 15 per cent target was considered If the level of new car registrations in Europe reached 10 million units by 1980, the report

said, Japan would be shipping between 900,000 to one million cars to Europe within five

*The Growth of the Car Carry-ing Fleet, No 52 in a series published by H. P. Drewry (Shipping Consultants), single copies £30 and £115 series of

Italy's payments gap widens to £1,586m

From Patricia Clough Rome, March 31

Group's water engineering divi-Italy had a balance of payments deficit of 2,380,000m lire (about £1,586m) for 1976 calculated on the basis of transactions, according to a government report approved by the exhibit today sion, has won a £70m contract for the turnkey building of a major treatment plant to supply drinking water to Riyadh, the capital of Saudi Arabia. The company thinks it is the

by the cabinet today.

The gross domestic product increased by 5.7 per cent, compared with 3.7 per cent the previous year. Wages rose by highest value contract yet awarded for such a project, and the reverse osmosis plant would 22.7 per cent in monetary terms, be one of the world's largest. and by 4.4 per cent in value The order covers the entire civil, mechanical and electrical

of buying power.

The report, shorely to be pre sented to Parkament, said the lira had devalued on an average of 17 per cent during the year. Unemployment had increased although the summary of the report available to the press did not include the

figures. The 2,380,000m lire payments deficit compared with 361,400m lire for the previous year. Recent Bank of Italy figures calculated on a cash basis put the 1976 deficit at 1,640,000m lire. The difference between the

Progress on

at Ferranti

The trade unions are making

some progress towards a par-nicipation agreement with Per-ranti, the state-controlled elec-

Following months of negotia-tions, the Amalgamated Union

of Engineering Workers has told its members that the com-

pany has conceded that the

agreement should cover several key areas. These include: in-

vestment, including total expen-

diture, timing and location:

imports and exports; company

pricing policy; and government grants and loans.

Ferranti has been a prime

candidate for a participation agreement since the Govern-

ment rescued the group two

years ago from a major cash crisis. The National Enterprise

Board now holds 50 per cent of the voting shares and 100 per cent of the non-voting.

The AUEW says that the latest replies from Ferranti

indicate that agreement is pos-

sible for a less management-orientated pact than had been

trical and electronics group.

By Malcolm Brown

participation at Leyland

two figures is accounted for by delays in payments by importers to avoid the 10 per cent mandatory deposit and the recently-abolished rax on foreign exchange purchases.

The Senate today approved the government decrease but to

the governments decree law to reduce increases in labour costs, with the changes made under yesterday's compromise with the unions. The compromise cleared the way for a \$530m IMF loan. The decree now goes to the

Chamber of Deputies for approval before its expiry date Signor Giulio Andreotti, the

Prime Minister, told the Senate last night before the approval plunge into collective bankruptcy".
It was unthinkable that Italy

should go further into debt to meet its current needs, he explained. Credit was needed to permit Italy to pay its inter-national debts which "have gone over the danger line".— Reuter.

|Lucas anger

parts move

A delegation of shop stewards representing 30,000 workers employed in Lucas motor com-

ponent factories, have protested to the West Midlands County Council over British Leyland

plans to manufacture more of

its own parts through the expan-

sion and modernization of its

SU-Butec group of component

The Lucas men are particu-

larly annoyed because they believe the state-controlled car

group is unfairly using tax-

payers' money to threaten their jobs. So concerned is Leyland

about the opposition that Mr Ron Hancock, managing direc-tor of SU-Butec, has met county council chiefs to explain his

A full report of both sets of

Main report is both sets of talks will be considered at next Monday's meeting of the county's employment, com-merce and industry committee. One of the issues raised by

shop stewards was a proposed deal with the American-French

Motorola group. Mr Hancock wants to manufacture a Motor-

ola alternator under licence for use in Leyland commercial vehicles and some specialist cars. A Motorola alternator is already fitted to the 12-cylinder

Jaguar XJS-Leyland's flagship In an attempt to counter the Motorola deal, Lucas has offered a similar licensing

arrangement for one of its

alterantors.

It is understood that Mr Hancock has told the county council that unless the seven companies who make up SU. Butec are modernized quickly they will become progressively uneconomic to operate and some would be in danger of closure.

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He said suppliers who mer
Leyland's requirements on
quality and prices had nothing

to fear, but the few who con-sistently fell short would be

Yorkshire Dry Dock Co. is to

build 10 bunkering barges for

a swamp reclamation project in Indonesia which will provide

the yard with work for a year. Another Humberside com-

pany, Richard Dunston with

yards at Thorne and Hessel, near Hull, is to build five tugs

for the same project.

alterantors.

plans in detail.

By Clifford Webb

In brief

Employees.

Nube petition calls for Lloyds profit-sharing

A 25,000-name perition call- to meet a 48 tractors-a-shift ing for a profit-sharing scheme target-which caused the origiin Lloyds Bank was yesterday handed to management by Mr Leif Mills, general secretary of the National Union of Bank

Mr Mills said the petition was a clear indication of the strength of feeling among staff at Lloyds and Lewis's Bank, a wholly owned in-store subsidiary. Profit-sharing schemes were already operated by Barclays, National Westminster and Williams and Glyn's Midland also planned to introduce

a scheme. Nube is auxious to establish the timescale of implementing any profit-sharing by Lloyds and raised the possibility of calling a special shareholders' has been drawn up in coopera-tion with consultants Sedgwick Forbes McNicoll and under-written by Equity & Law Life. meeting to approve any plans rather than wait for a regular meeting.

Lloyds has engaged consult-ants to consider ideas and says it hopes that proposals will emerge which can be recom-mended to shareholders.

New Massey discord Three weeks after the end of Massey Ferguson's longest strike the Coventry plant is

Economic and Business Affairs at the State Department, and Mr Jack O'Leary, the Federal Energy Administrator. threatened by workers refusing Cold weather lifts consumption

of energy 7pc By Roger Vielvoye **Energy Correspondent**

Cold weather in November December and January boosted energy consumption 7 per cent compared with the same period of 1975/76, according to Energy Trends, published yesterday.

Coal consumption rose 9 per cent and natural gas and oil were 8 per cent and 5 per cent higher respectively. Temperatures were substan-

tially lower than a year previ-ously, Energy Trends reports, and after correction for tempcrature and seasonal adjust ment, consumption, measured at an annual rate, was 4 per cent above last year.

The cold weather also pushed power sales to record levels. Electricity supplied during January was 15 per cent more than in 1976 and power stations met a peak load of 49,100 megawatts. During the three months November to January electricity supplies January electricity supplies were 8.5 per cent higher than The deal was won by Associated British Marine Toolmarkers last year.

Percy Lane Group

for the caravan, transport portable building and construction dustries, and of disposal chute systems for multi-storey buildings.

 Maximum permitted dividend 2.94p per share

■ Record Turnover of £12.2 million

● Pre-Tax Profits almost trebled

 Earnings per share trebled 'I believe 1977 will be a year of further progress' Peter Lane, Chairman.

Results at a glance £'000 1976 Turnover 12,205 926 Profit before tax 315 Earnings per share 10.4p 3.3p Dividend per share net 2.94n 1.50p

During the year of continued difficult conditions, particularly in the UK, this performance is a great credit to management and all emplo

A substantial part of the increases in sales and profits Luxembourg is due to the devaluation of sterling but nevertheless there has been a significant increase in volume contributing to the results.

In the UK there was a further improvement in profits during the second half of the year despite a fall in sales due to the continued severe slump in the building

The Group has started the current year on a most encouraging note with big increases in orders and sales.

AGM: 27th May — Excelsior Hotel. Birmingham Copies of the 1976 Report and Accounts will be available from 1st May from: The Swerctary, Lichfield Road. Tanworth, Staffs, B.9.71L

160½p

K Refrigeration Limited Group results in brief:

Group Turnover Home	10.426	1976 £'000 12,455	7,939	1975 £'000 9,749
Export Profit before taxation and extraordinary item	2,029	2,012	1,810	1,359
Percentage to turnover		16.1%		13.9%
Earnings per 10p Share		13.68p		9.27p
Dividend per 10p Share		2.7178p		2.5087p
Assets Employed		£7.081m		£5.571m
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Highlights of the Chairman's Statement

The profit for the year rose by 48% over 1975 due to increased sales volume and planned cost savings through rationalisation of group activities. The board has decided to acquire additional manufacturing capacity to meet the record. demand for the group's products and services. The future is viewed with

The Annual General Meeting to be held on 1st April at the Abercorn Rooms,

Broadstone Investment Trust Limited Managed by J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Co. Limited

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 120 Cheapside, London EC2 on Tuesday 26 April 1977 at Noon

The following is a summary of the Report by the Directors for the year ended 31 December 1976.

1976 increase Total Revenue £1,110,913 £1,305,884 17.5% Revenue after taxation and expenses £535,659 £609,327 Earnings per Ordinary Share 4.12p 14,3% 4.71p Ordinary dividends for the year, net per share 3.65p 4.50p 23.3% Net asset value per 20p Ordinary Share, assuming full conversion of the Loan Stock 1511p

 The dividend increase of 23% compares with a rise in the Retail Price Index of 15% in the year to 31 December 1976.

 For the five years ended 31 December 1976 gross dividends have been increased by 110%, against a 104% increase in the Retail Price Index.

replaced by alternative sources, including in-house manufacture by Leyland. Return on assets employed 28.4% Humberside yards get Indonesian orders Export orders for tugs and barges, part of a £4m contract for Indonesia, have been won by United Kingdom shipbuild-ing companies. The Hull-based

optimism. The Group manufacturers bar cooling equipment, ice makers, Non-Drip spirit measures, beer dispensing equipment, cold rooms, contract furniture, air handling equipment and designs and installs commercial retrigeration and air conditioning equipment.

Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, London EC2. Copies of the Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, 15 Moorfield Road, Orpington, Kent BR6 0HG.

Here comes the floating bond

Around the turn of the year the authorities were said to have decided, quite wisely in fact, not to give a floating rate Government bond its first outing in the sticky conditions of falling interest rates. There is little doubt that investors awaiting the capital gains of the devel-oping bull market in gilts would have given it the cold shoulder. Now that conditions look as if they could well be rather dif-ferent later this year, the bonds seem assured of at least a trial outing before too long.

The main idea of the floating

rate bond is, of course, to allow the authorities to continue to sell debt in periods when investors feel that the underlying trend in interest rates may be upwards in other words, to help avoid the disastrous stale-mate with the gilt market into which the unthorities led them-selves last summer.

The added advantage from

the authorities' viewpoint, more over, is that a floating rate bond should not only allow them to fund smoothly but also to sell stock heavily at what should, theoretically, be the moment when the market has most sur-plus funds available—that is when the excess of liquidity in the system has reached its maximum and consequently driven Not, in fact, that these condi-tions will necessarily pertain this spring following the heavy advance funding commitments implied by the two partly paid rnment stocks.

Improving cash flow

After two lean years, for the balance sheet as well as the profit and loss account, British Petroleum is heading for a much sounder underlying position. Net debt climbed from a third to 55 per cent of shareholders funds last year with the continuing need to fund Alaska and the North Sea. But that should mark the end

of BP's deteriorating gearing and with cash flow building up well from Forties, intermittent fears of a large-scale funding operation should disappear. References were only a little higher last year though depreciation was a third up at £266m and eash flow further benefited from BP's front-end loading perioleum revenue tax pay-ments. Moreover, the 50 per cent rise in deferred tax to 1184m will also have helped effset rising working capital. Cash generation will benefit enomously with Forces now in peak production while next year will see the first benefit from Akska, where apparently pipe-ine costs are still within budget. For the rest the two-tier opec price structure, depressed product margins and refinery rebounds
utilization that is unlikely to get over 1976's 70 per cent level Bowater's first-half results

Accounts: 1976 (1975) Capitalization £3,166m Net assets £2,858m (£2,676m) Borrowings £1,585 (£875m) Net income £179.8m (£144.9m) Earnings per share 46.4p (37.3p)

proporation tax write-back nor

Cadbury Schweppes Second half

sparkle Cadbury Schweppes made up in the second half of 1976 for some of the disappointment which attended its first half performance, producing pre-tax profits for the year which, at £46.4m, were well ahead of most expec-



Mr Bernard Scott, chairman of Lucas: profits improvement to

tations. The improvement did not, however, show through at the earnings level, partly because of a high tax charge which reflected continuing, though reduced losses in Canada and partly because of higher minorities.

Still, that didn't stop investors for demonstrating a certain amount of enchusiasm in a lacklustre market, and the shares gained 14p to 454p, at which level the yield 92 per cent and the p/e ratio just under 9. The question per index 10 per index under 9. The question now is how much further they have to

Last year confectionery volume in the United Kingdom showed some recovery; this year higher prices could send the trend the other way. Last year drinks did moderately well; this year there's no reason to expect them to do better. But there is room for recovery in Canada, further improvement in America, and a bester performance in South Africa, though last year's currency gains (something short of £2m) are unlikely to be repeated.

Meanwhile the interest charges are elmost certain to rise on an accelerated programme of capital spending and higher working capital requirements. So the outlook is for a modest irrepresent for a modest improvement, nothing more; and unless there are outside factors—like lower cocoa prices to pur a shine on the shares, they are likely to mark time for a few months

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London Brick expects a 10 to

yet. Final: 1976 (1975) Capitalization £167m Sales £787m (£667m) Pre-tax profits £46.4m (£38.6m) Earnings per share 500p Dividend gross 4.19p (3.81p)

Bowater

Papermaking

will not be 1976's £71m advance bowater's instribute results from the event it his year, particularly as there will not be 1976's £71m advance expected; profits rising by very much in the way of cur-to a gain of less than a quarter rency gains to count on this in the first period. After the earlier strike dis-

ruptions, the big North American paper operations have since been working at full stretch although even so the second half did not quite manage to make good in dollar terms the downturn in the first half. North American profits of £60.3m compare to £53.4m the previous year, but this includes £8.4m of exchange rate profits. The real momentum has come

from the United Kingdom, where the paper operations rallied from their dismal first half showing, thanks to improving demand, to supplement the excellent showing of packaging and cotton trading. So despite bigger losses from building products, furniture and carpets, up from £2.9m to £4.7m, United

Kingdom profits rose from £4.8m to £21.2m or 25 per cent of trading profits, Moving into the present year

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Bowater has another round of price increases under its belt in North America, and is evidently still on a firm uprrend. But much of that is accounted for in a p/e ratio of 9.3 and yield of 6.2 per cent with the shares at 201p, up 1p against a dull market yesterday. Final: 1976 (1975)

Capitalization £249m Sales £1,548m (£1,107m) Pre-tax profits £78.3m (£52.9m) Earnings per share 21.7p (15.3p) Dividend gross 12.5p (10.9)

Lucas

Diesel

Lucas owes its 65 per cent first half profits increase to rising

volume, a 1 per cent improve-ment in trading margins and an atmost halved interest charge as a result of last year's rights issue. Profits cannot possibly go on rising at this rate, but there are no signs yet that the group is running out of steam. The 30 per cent increase in which equipment masks a 20 per cent volume gain, and while the pickup in European car production is slowing down, in the United Kingdom, strikes permit-ting, it is picking up. Mean-while, the £35m investment prowhile, the £35m investment programme in diesel engine injection equipment will be completed by the end of the year. Interest charges will rise in the second half as more capital investment gets under way but will not dampen the chances of at least £75m for the year. The excitement may be over but a excitement may be over but a prospective p/e ratio of six, at prospective p/e ratio of six, at 247p is not a growth rating, and even the low 5 per cent yield should not be too great a brake on the shares.

Interim 1976-77 (1975-76)

Capitalization E220.6m

Sales \$418m (£327m)

Practice profits £327m (£21m)

London Brick

Housebuilding expectations

Pre-tax profits £34.7m (£21m) Dividend gross 3.26p (2.33p)

15 per cent drop in new housing starts this year, to around 280,000. The effect of this should be partly eased by a low level of ordering through the winter months leaving builders short of stock shead of the

But that low ordering period had its impact on 1976's results with pre-tax profits at £10.5m reflecting a marked fall in volume sales in the second half and heavy reliance on the conand heavy retrance on the contribution from investment income, Tired of following the rollercoaster pattern of the building trade, London Brick's efforts to spread its base beyond brick and clay products—which still account for all bur 12 per cent of earnings—will have an increasing impact from 1977 increasing impact from 1977

The Croydex acquisition in January should be worth around £800,000 pre-tax this year, and, while the group is not in any particular hurry, further acquisitions are likely. A cashrich balance sheet gives it the scope to buy, and helped near quadruple investment income

last year to £1.1m.
At 49p, down 2p on the results, the outlook for the brick and clay core of the business looks uninspiring. But the shares have the solid support of a 9.1 per cent yield, Final: 1976 (1975) Capitalization: £28.7m Turnover: £76.6m (£67m)

Pre-tax profits: £10.5m (£9.8m) Earnings per share: 7.29p (7.83p) Dividend gross: 4.45p (4.04p)

Will smokers learn to love substitute tobacco?

Dr Hunter has given his committee's long-awaited go-ahead to non-tobacco smoking smoking aterials and the question now is how acceptable the end is how acceptable the end product will be to smokers. The evidence other than that gathered in sheltered test conditions is not encouraging.

Cigarette brands containing Cytrel, the Celanese product

marketed in Germany and Switzerland during the last two years by Rothmans Inter-national and British American Tobacco have proved dis-appointing. The problem is that both Cytrel and the New Smoking Material (NSM), the rival product developed jointly by ICI and the Imperial Group, need to be mixed with tobacco to give them flavour and smok-

ing consistency.

The mixture used on the Continent did not give signifi-cantly lower tar and nicotine yields than conventional low tar cigarettes. There is also no price advantage to the smoker, because the substitute material subject to the same tax

levels as tobacco.

The big cigarette companies were, however, much more optimistic yesterday about prospects in Britain. For a start, there has been far more publicity here than on the Continuous phone to the continuous descriptions. nent about non-tobacco smoking materials generally. Smokers are eager to try the substitutes. Secondly, the companies have not been idle during the two-year gap between the Hunter Committee's approval test-marketing for the substances and the go-ahead to put them on open sale. The acceptable proportion of substitutes to upbacco, which at the time the Swiss and German products were launched stood at a maximum of 30 per cent, has been increased to nearer 50 per cent. Gallaher, whose marketing plans appear to be the most advanced of those of the three big British cigarette producers is planning to launch a brand containing 40 per cent of Cytrel which will give a lower tar yield than anything on sale at

present.

The brand will be one of two containing substitutes which Gallaher hopes to have on sale under its existing Silk Cur label by July 1. Mr Stuart Cameror the company's managing direc-tor, described the cigarettes as having a fuller flavour (a key element in consumer accept ance) than conventional very

low tar products. Carreras Rothmans, which with Gallaher has been working with Celanese on Cytrel, is slightly more cautious, although a spokesman described the company as "very enthusiastic".

The most conservative in its claims is the Imperial Group, where executives have been consistently wary about making

extravagant claims for its NSM brand substitute. Imperial, which with more than 60 per cent of United Kingdom cigarette sales, is by far the largest of the tobacco com-panies, has the biggest stake in non-tobacco smoking materials with a £14m purpose-built fac-tory already in production in

Imperial yesterday was talk-ing in terms of brands con-taining about 20 per cent or substitute to tobacco. main value, as it sees it, is that NSM gives more flexibility in cigarette manufacturing. The group is clearly taking

a long-term view and will aim to recoup its heavy investment in research and development in the European markets as well as in Britain. The American Celanese Corporation is also looking at

world markets for Cyrrel. Industry collectively has spent more than £40m and taken 20 years in developing non-tobacco smoking materials It will not easily let the oppor-runity presented by the painstakingly thorough research of Dr Hunter's Independent Scien-tific Committee on Smoking and Health slip from its grasp.

The Budget measures will not shift freight off the roads

Will the Budget changes affecting vehicles be a serious burden to the road transport industry? Will they bring about a transfer of freight, as almost everyone desires, from road to rail? The answer to both questions if past experience is any guide, is almost certainly no.

The extra fuel tax will add f90m to the industry's annual costs and the higher licence about 570m. Even for the big 32-tonners that carry the heaviest impost, the addition to annual costs will be only per cent.
With inflation running at 10 to

With inflation running at 10 to 20 per cent the effect of such a change cannot be more than marginal. And it comes at a when British Rail marginal. And it comes at a time when British Rail, struggling to eliminate a £70m freight deficit, is on the point of raising its freight charges overall by about 8 per cent some of them by up to 15 per

If the practical effect of the Budget measures on transport is likely to be negligible, we are left with the continuing, vaguely anti-road and pro-rail policy of which the Budget proposals are indeed a manifesta-tion. How valid is this policy and what effect is it likely to have in the longer term?

sultative document on transport, in a phrase that has already become celebrated or notorious according to one's point of view, described the possibility of a substantial transfer of traffic from road to rail as a "pipe dream".

out by the experience of per cent growth in domestic freight transport over the past decade has gone to road, so that industry now spends more than £10,000m a year on mov-ing freight by road compared with under £250m for freight

moved by rail. This is despite a series of measures over the past five years which have caused road freight to be progressively penalized, while rail freight (up until the past year) has been progressively subsidized. In their response the Rail-

ways Board, needless to say, took a markedly more sanguine view. The Government suggested that if all freight over 100 miles were transferred to rail then total road freight would be reduced by only 2-4 per cent. The board, however, argued that given the necessary inducements—for example, by making heavy lorries bear their of freight carried in 16ton lorries and over could trans-fer to rail, reducing the road volume by 20 per cent. It was the 16-mmers and over that were "the real source of

public concern " What "proper" costs are remains, however, an area of hot dispute. The Government document, disagreeing with an earlier government study which concluded in 1968 that all lorries more than covered their

Since then road expenditure cent and road freight tax in-creased by about 10 per cent, so that even on the Govern-ment's figures there cannot be

much in it now.
In a sense this entire attempt to get heavy lorries to pay their "proper" costs is phoney, because they are merely one sector of a transport market sector of a transport market which is otherwise heavily, deli-berately and, no doubt justifi-ably, "improper". Rail sub-sidies have risen to £400m-£800m a year depending on how much one chooses to include, while the surplus of government

road tax over government road expenditure has risen from about £1,500m to more than £3,000m a year.

This admittedly does not include the cost of accidents, policing and company car tax reliefs which could perhaps be made to add up to £1,500m a

Such arithmetic, however, which excludes the social benefits on road transport and the disbenefits of rail, is too tendentious for many.

Why not, then, pass gently over Mr Healey's contention that his measures are in line with transport economics and policy, and simply agree that road transport, whether private cars or lorries is attractive to concluded in 1968 that all tax, like drinks and cigarettes? lorries more than covered their It goes on despite the Chanceltrack costs, suggested that while lor, and whether continually smaller ones more than did so adding to its tax burden is

the time-scale one chooses for looking into the future.

In the short-term—the one that normally preoccupies politicians-there is a lot of sense in taxing road transport. It must help rather than hinder the problems of rail subsidy and

energy balance of payments. Given, too, the successive cuts in road construction and road maintenance, it must belp, rather than hinder the problem of an incompany. of an inadequate road system increasingly inadequately main-

tained.

In the medium term, given the steady growth of road traffic against all the disincentrainc against all the disincentives, it may be asked whether in seeking to stifle rather that adapt to it the Government is not flying in the face of reality, and in the process imposing both economic and environmental costs which are simply being ignored in Mr Healey's calculations.

In the longer term, as space.

In the longer term, as spaceship Earth runs out of oil, the policy may turn out to be righ: Meanwhile, there were no transport managers wringing their hands in the streets year terday and trying to sell off their lorries. They have bigger problems head-EEC policies on tachographs and drivers' hours that could add not £160m but £650m to their costs— Transport and General Workers' permitting—within Union

Michael Baily

Kenneth Owen, Technology Correspondent

Up to the eyeballs in solar research

In its recent report on prospects for solar energy in Britain the Department of Energy attached prime importance to thermal systems which use the heat of the sun (usually via roof-mounted collector panels) for domestic water and space heating.

In terms of making any real contribution to meeting national energy needs, the report dis-missed the use of solar cells (which directly convert solar radiation to electricity by a photovoltaic process) as too expensive and, for Britain, too uncertain. Despite this assessment,

large amount of work on solar cells is already under way in industry, universities and other research centres in Britain. And it emerged at a solar energy conference at the Building Research Establishment last week that there are good export prospects based substantially on existing technology.

The conference was organized by the Government's Interde-partmental Steering Committee on Solar Energy Research and Money for the present re-

ing from the Department of Industry, the European Commission, the Science Research Council and private industry. United Kingdom programmes were reviewed at the conference by Mr Fred Treble of the Royal Aircraft Establishment. In principle, the photovoltaic

process is an elegant way of converting solar energy to electricity. It is silent; there are no moving parts, pollution or waste products; and generators of any size can be assembled from standard

It is expensive (£8-£16 per peak watt), but this expense is already justified in small units for isolated or difficult sites. The main aim of research and development is to bring down the cost of solar cell manufacture; for large-scale generation in favourable locations the tar-get is about 25p-30p per peak watt. To reach this figure, it is estimated, the conversion efficiency of the device must be Patricia Tisdall | greater than about 10 per cent.



An array of solar energy spheres—the so called "solar eyeballs"-which are being developed by Standard Telecommunication Laboratories. The and a device to turn the ball towards the sun. n Laboratories. They carry a lens to focus the sun's energy on the cell

equipment on board spacecraft, most solar cells to date have been made of monocrystalline silicon. Conversion efficiency present terrestrial silicon cells is about 10 per cent, com-pared with a theoretical limit of 22 per cent. To try to obtain a cheaper

starting material, Metals Re-search of Royston, Hertfordshire, has been developing a technique for the continuous production of monocrystalline silicon ribbon. Ferranti, also, has been working on reducing the costs of silicon cell and module assembly, against a background of many years' manufacture of solar cells for

spacecraft. In 1975 the company halved its module costs (to about £16 per peak watt) and it is now aiming to bring this down to £8 by means of radically new

New possibilities in solar cells have been opened up by work on amorphous silicon films at the University of Dundee. Cells of large areas be formed by depositing thin layers of amorphous silicon on heated metal, glass or plastic. International Research and Development of Newcastle upon Tyne has experience in developing thin-film cadmium sulphide cells for space use. Now, with EEC backing, the thin-film cadmium company is applying this type of cell to terrestrial use. Durham University and Newcastle Polytechnic (with Science Research Council support) are collaborat-ing with International Research

and Development on this.

The G. V. Planer company of Sunbury-on-Thames has begun work on an EECprogramme sintered co sponsored develop ceramic cadmium sulphide cells, which

should have advantages of low cost, robusiness, reproducibility and stability. Massushita of Japan, which pioneered this type of cell, now claims conversion efficiencies comparable to those of thin-film cells. For a private client, Pats-

centre International, the con-tract research laboratories of PA International Management Consultants, is developing cells which use chemical spray deposition of cadmium sulphide on glass. Again low cost is a prime target.
Cranfield Institute of Technology is also working on cadmium sulphide cells.

Another alternative consists are more expensive than silicon but, because they perform better at high intensities and temperatures, are more suitable for operation in concentrated sunlight A conversion efficiency of 18 per cent has been

Plessey's Allen Clark Retype of cell with EEC support.

A novel form of gallium arsenide device is the so-called solar eyeball "which Standard Telecommunication Laborator-

lens which focuses the sun's energy on to the cell.

Around the cell, rather like the petals of a flower, are four gas reservoirs. As the sun moves relative to the "eyeball", its focused image falls on one of the reservoirs. The gas inside the reservoir expands, forcing

a magnetic slug to move around

a circular tube.

This reacts with an external magnetic field to swivel the optical axis of the sphere towards the sun again; typically there would be an array of such eyeballs ifloating in a tank of water.

This project is still at the research stage at Standard Telecommunication Labora-Labora tories. Assuming large-scale production, installed costs of about £750 per peak kilowatt are envisaged.

These are some developments under present. Other work is tinuing at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh; Southampton University; the Royal Military College of Science; Plessey's Allen Clark Research Centre; and the Royal Aircraft Establishment.

Plessey's Allen Clark Re- Up to now, Mr Treble's search Centre is developing this review indicated, these various programmes have been largely uncoordinated.

The export market for solar

photovoltaic systems will be nighly competitive", he com-ments. "If British industry is Telecommunication Laboratories are developing as a private mems. "If British industry is wenture. The cell is contained to win a fair share of it, there in a hermetically scaled plastic sphere, about the size of a national programme with a football, which also carries a clearly defined aim."

Business Diary: Sir Derek and after

overshadow his appointment as a full-time director of merchant bankers Guinness Mahon. But his is only one of a barrage of new appointments to the bank's board which, in total, suggests that it is now making a formidable push for new business.

Last year a new chairman and a chief executive were recruited in the form of Donald Robson and Jean-Pierre Fraysse, both with a strong international banking background. Besides Sir Derek, they are now being supplemented on the board by Alfred Singer and Graham Starorth Hill, while the ubiquitous Lord Goodman comes in as a consultant, as does George Selby to advise on foreign achange and currency matters. Even this is not the end. Yet more appointments are expected, including possibly another o join David Ewart, head of orporate finance, who has now noved up to become a vice-

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Lord Kissin, chairman of minness Peet which owns the rank, was being guarded about recise responsibilities for the lew directors yesterday, but heir history gives some clues o where the thrust might be Sir Derek, for instance, has

teen in charge of overseas fired Singer, former chief of ational Giro, has taken over

Graham Starforth Hill, who make Singer will be full time, as until recently one of the ^{np} corporate finance lawyers ⁿ Singapore, where Guinness Mahon has a subsidiary. And

Sir Derek Mitchell's departure Lord Goodman, although mov-from the Treasury is likely to ing off to University College, Overshadow his appointment as Oxford, cannot be other than a useful man to have around.

India hands

A decision on Sir Derek Mitchell's successor at the Treasury has yet to be amnounced, asimough one obvious runner would seem to be his deputy, Russell Barratt. Barratt, who is 53, came to the Treasury from Oxford in 1940 and support from two years 1949, and spart from two years at the United Kingdom High Commission in Karachi has been there ever since.

Another possibility is William Another possibility is Whitam Ryrie, who has grown in stature and confidence since going to Washington in October, 1975, as economics minister at the British Embassy and as executive director of the International Bank. World Bank.

At first he seemed rather uneasy and monetary officials in the United States capital took their time before deciding just what to make of this evidently cautious Scot.

evidently causious Scot.

He is considered rather aloof by manerous IMF technocrats, while in the free-and-easy world of Washington journalism he is seen as being too much the diplomat. That, alas, is an attribute likely to do him more good than harm with the Treasury's mandarins.

Yet Rycie has displayed a

and negotiating talents that have impressed top United States and IMF officials. These without doubt, contributed significantly toward the resolution of the many compli-cated loan negotiations that Britain with the IMF since the which, with the German label

when he feels he has been taken advantage of. Educated in India and in Educated in Ryrie joined the Treasury from the Colonial Office in 1963 and within six ornice in 1965 and wintin so, years, after working largely on international economic matters, became Principal Private Secretary to the Chancellor. From 1971 to the time he moved to Washington he was head of the division at the Treasury in charge of public expenditure on agriculture, industry, science

The licensed trade, with its settled. The competition, origin-traditional affiliations to the Tories, is always quick to see at the Wembley Conference political bias when a Labour Centre in north London, will government looks into its affairs. There was some merriment yesterday, however, when the Price Commission found in its investigation of soft drinks and mixers that the worst offenders were the railway buffets and airport lounges of the state-owned British Rail and British Airports Authority, with markups "approaching 300 per mark-ups cent ".

In a spin

and employment.

The news that the Eurovision Yet Rwie has displayed a Song Contest is on again will degree of technical competence no doubt dismay music lovers everywhere, but has caused a sigh of relief throughout the £273m a year British recording

industry.

This is nowhere more true cost of a replacement has been than of Paul Robinson, chair large. Jupp received an exman of Power Exchange, an gratia payment of £10,250 on independent record producer his departure and head hunters Ryrie has had to manage for independent record producer

very start of his Washington Polydor, is handling the British

In IMF board meetings he is Called "Rockbottom", the commended for his patience, name of the entry alone would but there are flashes of temper make it sound a natural winner Called "Rockbottom", the for this annual spectacle, matched only in ghastliness by Eric Morley's Miss World competition. However, the song, which is

sung by Lynsey De Paul and was written by Mike Moran, may have other claims to success. It climbed over the last week from no 47 to no 29 in today's industry chart published in the trade paper Music Week-This record, and many of the other entries, will have a chance of being sold all over Eurrope now that the BEC

now be held on May 7. Clothes pegs

Two new men have taken over the reins of the British Textile Confederation at a critical time for the industry.

Brian Smith, chairman of ICI Fibres, is taking over from Alan Clough, of British Mohair Spinners, as president of the umbrella textile body which brings together unions and employers. Also, after nearly a year's search to find a new executive director, former Tory executive director, former Tory MP and advertising executive Ian MacArchur has taken over.
The director's vacancy was created by the resignation of Clifford Jupp last year and the cost of a replacement has been

engaged to find a successor re-ceived a fee of £8,264.

As used to power electrical

One of Smith's first tasks has been to introduce measures to strengthen the BTC's finances —the organization had a deficit of £7,528 last year. He was the moving force behind the intro-



Brian Smith

durtion of a patrons' scheme under which 63 companies have so far agreed to finance the organization's work on a fivesubscriptions annually to keep pace with inflation.

At least something to do with teast sometrang to at with tea is cheap these days. Geoff Pygall, the new managing director of Pickfords Removals and Travel Service, said yesterday that his state-owned com-pany had once done some research into replacing the uniouitous but unlovely tea chest in Pickfords removal vans. The up exactly the same size and shape as a tea chest, but cost 10 times more. Pickfords stuck

with the tea chest.

Preliminary Announcement of 1977 Results

Chairman Murray Gordon reports

'Another Record Year'

A profit for the year of £4.613 million equivalent after tax to 12.37p per Ordinary share

A dividend for the year of 2.9029p equivalent to 4.4660p gross per Ordinary share. the maximum allowed under present Government regulations

A substantial increase in financial strength

Five Years Results

in thousands of pounds

Year ended 29 January 1977 1976 1975 1974

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No. 00969 of 1977
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Notice is hereby given that PETITON for WINDING-UP of the above-named Company was on the 18th day of March 1977 presented to the High Cour of Justice by Terrace Today of March 1977 presented to the High Cour of Justice by Harting and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Justice Brighman at the Royal Courts of Justice Brighman at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand London WC2A 21L. on Monday, the 28th day of April, 1977, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company deshrous to support or topose the maiding of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of the bearing in person or by his course for the major of the time of the purpose. In the course of the time of the purpose of the said company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the Same.

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In the Estate of REV. CANON ADAM FUX decessed.
Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any person having a CLAIM against or an interest in the estate of Revel. Canon Adam Fox late of 4 Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey. Lendon. S.W.L. who died on the 17th day of January. 1977 whose Will was proved by Charles Novill Acheson-Gray and Arthur Herbert Brewith the Executors thereth named on the 16th day of March. 1977 is required to send particulars thereto in writing. 22 Charles Hill. London. ECH 2185. W to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of June. 1977. after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets having regard only to volled claims then notified.

Dated this 25th day of March.

1977. Jansons. Solicitors for the

IN THE ESTATE OF LAWRENCE ALEXANDER DAVY will the following persons or any communicate with Messra fevens Batesons & Company india Buildings Water Saved of LE ONH, who are acting executor of the Will of the scene Alexander Day form: Salisbury Rhodesia, who he 12th September 1966 in ecia. TER SHEARER, C/O H. M. L. Shearer, Coloniai Service, Eas Urica High Commission LEERT FOX. c/o Box 30043.

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In the Matter of the Companies Acts, 1948 to 1957 and in the Matter of WOODMAN'S OF PINNER Limited in Voluntary Liquidation!. Notice is bereby given pursuant to Section 299 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the thoughout the Company will be held at the offices of W. H. Cork, Guilty & Co. Chariered Accountaints of Condular House ECLY OF Section 12 and 12 and 15 and 15 and 15 and 15 and 16 and 16 and 17 and 17 and 17 and 17 and 17 and 18 and J. D. NAYLOR. Liquidator.

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By Order of the Enard, W. E. RITSON, Directors

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THE OFFICIAL ASSIGNES.

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In the Matter of the Estates of the following:—F. G. OSBORNESMITH & CO. Declared Defaulters.

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Traise by Deed of Arrangement of the above named Estates, declares that the Final Dividend to Creditors will be paid after the expiry of this Notice. will be paid after the expiry of this Notice.

Any person or Company who consider they may have a claim against any of the above ramed firms, or any pariner of those firms, and who have not completed and returned a Form of Assent to the Deed of Arrangement, must lodge that claim by olst May 1977.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Bank's interest rate frown wipes the smiles away

was able to help shares recover from an early bout of profit-

taking.

By the close, the FT Index was 7.8 lower at 419.4 and at the bottom. Dealers said the suspension of the MLR formula with its implication that the Bank of England does not want interest rates to fail further had left the equity market short of

Forminster, the women's and children's clothing group and a big supplier to the Littlewoods Mail Order Stores group is soon to close its books on the year to April AZ. The signs point to profits of around £1m and maybe more, against £751,000, which would fulfil hopes aroused by the first-halfs 40 per cent profits jump. The shares are responding, having risen from 85p to 97p, and the yield is now down to 6 per cent.

Gaming and

Coral happy

By Adrienne Gleeson Coral Leisure has come up

with record 1976 profits. At the

pre-tax level they improved from £6.53m to £10.12m, on a

The profits improvement was achieved despite a setback in

the bookmaking division, from £4.66m to £3.54m at the trading level. This setback is attributed to lower turnover because of

reduced consumer spending and firm going for the horses dur-ing the long, hot summer. However, it was more than offset by an improvement in

the gaming division's profits, from £1.94m to £5.94m at the

trading level.

In part this reflects tighter management control following

the discovery of irregularities in the casinos last year, which might have been worth £2m to 1975 profits. But the division also gained from the tourist in-

Another improvement was recorded by the bingo division, where profits rose from £467,000

to £723,000 even though the

group has not yet had a full year's contribution from the 1976 acquisition of the Scotia

chain. The potential here is put at £1.25m.

Business appointments

Mr Michael Robarts, Mr Richard Katz and Mr Alex Rosenzweig have been elected to the board of N. M. Rothschild & Sons. Mr C. M. Moore has become a director of Robert Fleming. The Duke of Norfolk has resigned from the board but remains a director of Robert Fleming Holdings. Mr R. J. H. Hall and Mr M. G. Wade become directors of Robert Fleming Holdings. Mr R. J. H. Hall and Mr M. G. Wade become directors of Robert Fleming Investment Management.

Mr J. Michael Hoare has been made managing director of Coral Leisure Group and will head a newly-formed management committee. The other members are: Mr Bernard Coral, Mr Kenneth Tucker, Mr Kenneth Mundy and Mr David Spencer. Mr Hoare was formerly a director of Grand Metropolitan. Mr Nicholas Coral remains executive group chairman and ex-officio, a member of the management committee, although he ceases to be group managing director.

Mr Alan Greenhalgh has joined

he ceases to be group managing director.

Mr Alan Greenhalgh has joined Century Oils as financial director.

Mr T. H. Matthews and Mr R. Sillitoe are retiring from the board.

Mr M. O. Wright has been made a managing director of Loudon Brick. Mr Kenneth McAlpine becomes a director.

comes a director.

Mr J. Malcolm Gourley has become group managing director of Gyde Petroleum. Mr Charles Cuthbertson becomes company

Cuthbertson becomes company secretary.

Mr P. J. M. Patten has been appointed to the newely created post of marketing executive for the Rediffusion Group. He has also been made chairman of Rediffusion Vision.

Mr R. J. Simpson has become group financial director of Drake Scull Holdings.

Professor S. Sey is to be chairman of the Bank of Ghana to succeed Mr George Davy, who is to retire.

retire.

Mr P. M. Davies has succeeded

Mr W. G. McPhie as a representa-tive of the Imperial Group on the board of Mardon Packaging Inter-

Mr Hubert Reid, a non-executive director of Boddingtons' Breweries, is to become a full-time executive director from July

Mr Jan Brumm, managing director of Bankers Trust International,

tor of Bankers Trust International, has been made a senior vice-president of Bankers Trust Company and will return to the bank's New York headquarters to become head of the Europe division. Mr John F. McDaniels, managing director, will assume full management responsibility for BTT's operations. Mr David K. Sias, Jr., senior vice-president of the bank and currently head of the Europe division, will join the international department's management group.

Three new directors for

N. M. Rothschild & Sons

The group spent about £5.5m

bingo keep

suspension for assessment.

the interest.

Among the big names, some days now, was in talks.

Bowater impressed and rose a with an unidentified company. penny to 201p, while there was a similar response to the Lucas statement and the shares were 247p. Bridon, though, proved on the day, something of a disapointment. In the fo

and were 4p lower at 137p. On the bid front, Herbert Morris gained 2p to 247p on the news of a rival offer from Hawker Siddeley which ended unmoved at 532p.

On a generally quiet day, it spite of news of a Saudi order. and recated 12p to 196p. was left to a long list of com-pany results to provide most of bids was the news that Gallenkamp, speculatively strong for

The shares had initially been as low as 2250 on profit-taking, but after the announcement also a penny to the good at soared to 270p, a net rise of 30p

In the foods sector, bullish profits from Cadbury Schweppes
put 13p on the shares at 45p,
while Bernard Matthews were a
firm 134p after their statement.

Not even a 1 per cent cut "short tap" weer considered to Morris has long been courted sale has fallen through and lost in the Minimum Lending Rate be favourable after a 45-minute by Babcock & Wilcox which another 1p to 76p, while Pork held on to its overnight 82p in Farms were hir by profit-taking

A rights issue and dividend from Dalgety boosted the shares 2p to 141p, while Spirax-Sarco soared 8p to 196p on profits accompanied by a rights. Hopes of dividend restraint easing brought demand to Ocean Wilsons which soared 11p to 185p while Batu Matang rose 100 to 103p on the better terms from LYC Securities.

But Lyons continued to reflect range of estimates, but Mix-disapointment that the Terley concrete managed to hold on

Lucas Industries (£1) Int 2.12
Magnolia (Midgs) (10p) Fin 1.67
Bernard Matthews (25p) Fin 4.75
Mixconcrete (25p) Fin 1.71
Austin Reed (25p) Fin 1.33
L. D. & S. Rivlin (10p) 1.17
Royal Worcester (25p) Fin 5.72
Sirdar (25p) Int 1.15
Spirax-Sarco Eng (25p) Fin 3.66

to 50p. Wm Press continued to lose ground after the strong gains prompted by takeover talk. Toys group J. & L. Randall celebrated some bullish comment and were actively traded up 5p to 51p

Stores shares fell further on some favourable comment than most with British Home The "blue chips" had Fisons Stores 6p lower at 185p, Gns "A" 5p off to 225p and Marks & Spencer lower by 3p to 115p.
Figures from Combined English Stores brought no response at

Property shares, standing to gain more than most from lower interest rates, were a compara-tively strong market. Peachey recovered 11p to 34p, Berkeley Hambro soared 6p to 89p on

Shipping shares, neglected both before and after the Budget,. are looking to next week's figures from Ocean Transport for incentive. The group has aiready forecast full year profits of £32m, against £22.6m, but the market would not be surprised to see close on £35m with a strong contribution from the Overseas Containers inter-

the possible boost from the forthcoming Swire Properties floatation. Hammerson "A"

jumped 5p to 413p and Stock

Conversion 4p to 192p.

In a subdued banking sector,

Guinness Peat rose 10p to 168p

5p off at 345p and fourpenny losses from Beecham at 438p

and Unilever at 468p. Equity tarnover on March 30 was £111.65m (19,797 bargains).

est. But shares eased to 157p. According to Exchange Tele-According to Exchange Tele-graph, active stocks yesterday were ICI, BAT Dfd, Barclays nk, Trafalgar House, Cadbury, Bank, Trafalgar House, Cad-bury, Tube Investments, Reed, Gus "A", Beecham, Standard Chartered, Capital & Counties, British Home Stores, Glaze, Coral, EMI, Hanson Trust, Lad-broke, J. L. Randall, Lucas, Dal-gety, Pork Farms, Wm. Press, Farnell, Gallenkamp and Berke-ley Hambro

Latest dividends Hanger Invest (10p) Fin 0.41 Int Combustion (5p) Fin 0.39 Percy Laue (10p) Fin 1.94 Ldn Brick (25p) Fin 1.75 Lucas Industries (£1) Int 2.12

per cent profits jump. The shares are responding, having risen from 85p to 97p, and the pield is now down to 6 per cent.

In a light, two-day trade, a longs' ended with rises of one-eighth, but short dates closed just below overnight levels. The learner of the new 9½ per cent

Company
(and par value)

Appleyard Group (25p) Fin 2.77

AFV Holdings (50p) Fin 2.39

Assoc Book (20p) Fin 2.39

Bifurcated Eng (25p) Fin 2.06

Bifurcated Eng (25p) Fin 3.55

Brown & Jackson (20p) Fin 1.53

Comb Eng Stores (12½p) Fin 1.53

Coral Leisure (10p) Fin 3.00

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Bridon makes £1m more than hoped

Beating a cautious forecast in assessing precisely when its looks better than undershooting various customers will begin to a bold one whatever your progress, and so it seems with Bridon, the old British Ropes
whose chairman, Mr Harry
Smith, is now doing the same
job at Rank Organisation.

warious customers will begin to
revive. A slow but general recovery is now expected, pointing, if all goes well to profits
of £20m and perhaps more.

Meanwhile the group has no
difficulty in paying a maximum Bridon has suffered from

turnover increased from £140m to £161m. Earnings per share rose from 16.5p to 22.6p, and the divedend goes up by the maximum to 12.3p gross a share. world recession and last year trading experience was mixed indeed. Exports helped United Kingdom profits but North 9merica and Europe were disap-

difficulty in paying a maximum dividend. A second interim of 3.95p a share takes the net total up from 5.5p to 605p, or 93p gross Dividends absorbed only 13m from net profits of nearly £9.5m.

Even so business seems to have gone better than the directors feared, even though forecasting to the exact million is difficult for this maker of wire seemed likely to Eviden isself. and wire rope products seemed likely to Bridon itself
One problem in forecasting earlier in the year. £7.8m. The board states only ably.

Gallenkamp spurred on by mystery approach

Were preliminary and it said drag it was impossible at the moment to say whether an officer for the group would follow.

The shares leapt 50p to 240p in the first three days of the week, fell to 225p on profit taking early yesterdey, and then the shares are American and one of these could be interested.

The market has no particular candidate in mind, although Pilkington—which last week barred by the Monopolies Commission from taking over U. K. Optical, but snapped up after the could be interested.

on extending and developing its activities last year, but the balance sheet still shows an improvement in the cash position from £1.52m to £1.7m, and over The closing price of 274p was a rise of 29p on the day and capitelises the group at £18m, compared with £12.4m on Monday. drafts are down from £951,000 Trading results so far are significantly better in all The group makes and sup-

> Mr P. J. M. Patten (left) who becomes marketing executive for the Rediffusion Group and chairman of Rediffusion Vision; Mr J. Michael Hoare,

new managing director of Coral Leisure Group.

The offer by Guinness Peat Group for the share capital of London Electrical and General Trust having been declared unconditional, Mr T. G. Harrison, Mr I. T. Henderson, Mr H. M. Sassoon and Mr J. Whitton have resigned as directors and Mr P. C. E. Dix. Mr D. R. Knights, Mr G. Mercalf and Mr G. A. Tanner join the board. Mr James Guinness remains chairman.

Mr Paul Williams has been managing director of Kellogg Continental.

Mr Hector Laing, chairman of

Mr Hector Laing, chairman of United Biscuits, has been elected chairman of the Food and Drink Industries Council in succession to Sir Guy Lawrence.

to Sir Guy Lawrence.

Mr T. Hanada, semior deputy general manager, has been made general manager of the Mitsubishi Trust and Banking Corporation, London branch.

Mr Yoshifumi Ebiko becomes ihairman of Kawasaki (London) on the retirement of Mr Stanley Grove. Mr Michael Fowler has been appointed managing director and Mr Susumu Sumiya a director. Mr Alec Crawford has been

mode company secretary.

Mrs Daphne Hyde has been maned to the board of Taylor Woodrow Services.

Mr G. A. Freestone, controller to leaf the secretary director.

of lending, imperuational division, Midland Bank, has been appointed an assistant general manager (International).

Mr F. J. A. Howard has been made a director of Beralt Tin and Wiffran.

Mirram.

Mrs. Gwen Chamberlain has joined the board of Greenham Sand & Ballast.

Mr Harry Case, previously finance director of Walmore Electronics and Rapid Recall, has been appointed managing director.

been appointed managing director of Rapid Recall.

Mr K. P. Jones is to join the board of P. J. Walks as retail director from May 1.

In the wake of one of the plies scientific apparatus and biggest share jumps of recent instruments, laboratory furni-weeks, A. Gallentzmp said yesterday that it has received an approach.

It emphasises that the talks are American and one of these could be interested.

shot up 49p to 274p after the statement.

The closing price of 274p was a rise of 29p on the day and capitalises the group at £18m, strong growth record it would be in a strong position to ask for a better price in a bid

> **BBA** celebrates best year in its history

Last year was the best in the history of BBA Group, it makes friction materials, conveyor belting and asbestos textiles. Shareholders duly get a maxi-mum dividend.

mum dividend.

Sales rose by 25.8 per cent to £99m, and pre-tax profits advanced by 18.9 per cent to £7.49m. Net earnings went up from 6.44p (adjusted) to 7p and the gross dividend rises from the equivalent of 2.98p to 3.28p. Sales overseas were 38.4 per cent to the good at £57m, and those of the U.K. companies rose 12.1 per cent to £42m, including exports 18.5 per cent higher at £12.6m.

U.K. profits, however, jumped by 59.4 per cent to £3.8m, com-pared with overseas profits 5.8 per cent lower at £3.69m. The main reason for the

record performance was further strong growth in friction materials, which accounted for 74 per cent of sales (65 per cent last year) and 82 per cent

of profits (52 per cent).

BBA is to buy the 25 per cent holding not already held in Texter of West Germany from Bendix Corp. of the U.S.

Dalgety £12m rights are well received, but not its profits

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Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. * For 18 mombs. † Adjusted for scrip issue. ‡ Forecast.

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Dalgety, the international merchanting group is to raise
fl1.9m for capital investment
with a one-for-four rights issue

Mr R. A. Withers, chairman,
said that the group had identiwith a one-for-four rights issue

at 187p.

The offer, pitched at a discount of just under 22 per cent seemed to be well received, and the shares climbed 2p to 241p helped by the promise of a 29 per cent dividend boost. The dividend increase will mean a full-year payout for the year to June 30 of 17.7p gross giving an ex-rights yield of 7.7

per cent.
Dalgety's pre-tax profits for the half-year to December 31

that the full-year figure is expected to be above the previous in Australia are taking longer than expected to recover but the remainder of the group.

Mr R. A. Withers, chairman,

field several apportunities to improve profits by fixed capital investment in its United Kingdom agricultural and food operations. As well as enabling Dalgety to take advantage of these the issue will enlarge the equity

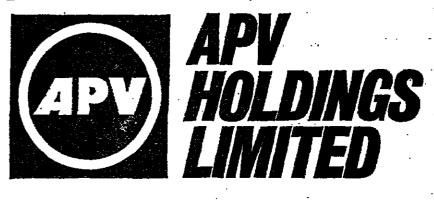
base and give increased flexibility for the further development of overseas business. The group's United States subsidiary which hit first half profits as a result of a strike in

Following the Chancellor's decision not to increase duties' on drinks, there are also hopes that the malting operations, which have been adversely which have open adversely affected by reduced demand from the distillers will show strong improvement in the second-half.

The issue is underwriten by Lazard Bros and the broker is Cazenove & Co. It is expected the frozen vegetable industry is that dealings in the new shares were short of market expecta-tions at £8.1m compared with now said to be trading profit-will begin in London on April

particularly New Zealand, is

continuing to trade well.



Record results for 13th successive year

• Earnings per share up 32%

 Overseas companies contributed 53% of profit

 Ordinary dividend covered over 4 times

 Current orders running at over £200m p.a. for enlarged Group.

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	1976 £000	1975 £000	increase %
SALES	137,400	98,100	40
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	12,607	9,193	37
EARNINGS PER SHARE	50.26p	38.17p	32
ORDINARY DIVIDENDS	10.2195p	9.2905p	10

APV HOLDINGS LIMITED P.O. Box No. 4, Crawley, West Sussex RH102QB.

The business of the Group consists of process engineering, plant manufacturing, fabricating and steel founding particularly for the brewery, chemical, dairy, food and petroleum industries.

With the sound base established by our growth in profitability, assets and liquidity, we have maintained progress at the start of the current year to September 1977.5

> -Extract from the statement by Mr Peter Smith, Chairman of Securicar Group Ltd and Security Services Ltd

Securicor

Turnover £82m +33% Profit £3.5m Fixed assets £13·1m +21% Net current

assets £2.05 +32%

For a copy of Mr Smith's statement, write to the Secretary, Securicor Group Ltd. 38a St George's Drive, London SWIV 4BW

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Year ended

31st December

good results boost Spirax Eng

Bumper results and a rights issue from Spirax-Sarco Engineering pleased the market, which pushed the group's shares up 8p to 196p.

The issue is to raise £2.4m at 150p in the proportion of one-for-five. It is underwritten by Schröder Wagg while the brokers to the issue are Phillips

& Drew ... The board of this fluid control equipment specialist plans to use the money to continue the group's expansion—especially in the UK, where the proposed investment programme for 1977 and 1978 is over £2.5m. The programme includes new factory and warehouse space in Cheltenham, and the purchase of new machine tools to boost production capacity. be used to strengthen the group's short-term UK cash

Helped on by a 58 per cent rise in second-half profits to 229m, the group ends 1976 with a 59 per cent leap to a record £4.23m before tax. This record Execution to the first was achieved on turnover up 27 per cent to £25.7m; Farnings a share are 26.1p against 16.4p, while the dividend is raised. from 8.68p to 9.53p gross.

Shareholders who take up the rights issue will not be eligible for this dividend, but the board intends to pay a total of 13.46p gross for the current year.

Commenting on the results. the board says that overseas trading was again the main-spring with overseas profits showing a 54 per cent rise over showing a 34 per cent rise over 1976 to make up nearly half of trading profits. Some of this was due to special factors such as the general fall in the value of sterling Also, some of the newer overseas outlets made only a negligible contribution in 1975, but have made a negligible contribution. proper contribution profes in 1976.

Orders received so far this year have been satisfactory throughout the world, while demand adjusted for inflation is running ahead of the same period last year. Growth is ex-period to commune this year.

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Briefly

MRADA DOUBLES Vehicle distribution and engl-Vehicle distribution and engineering group Dorada Holdings more than doubled pre-tax profits from £364,000 to £835,000, including £269,000 exceptional profits in property sales. Earnings a taxe up from £48p to 13.2p. Turnster rose from £34.8m to £44.9m. listal dividend up from 5.79p 2005 to 6.36p. gross to 6.36p.

FOTHERGILL JUMPS On turnover up from £8.1m to 9.5m for the year to January 1, 1977, pre-tax profits of Fothergill & Harvey climbed from £72,000 to mo and 5.5m. 903.000. Earnings rose from 7.01p a 8.96p. Payout raised from 7.78p gres to 8.56p.

BANGER INVESTMENTS Pre-tax profit jumped almost fivefold from £101,000 to £501,000 in 1976 og. turnover increased from £19,7m, to £27.3m. Dividend up from £38p gross to £.62p.

LIDEN (HOLDINGS)
Loss for year to November 30, 1140,000, against loss of £100,000, after tax credit of £97,000 (debt) of £5,000 last year). Sales, £3.28m (£3.23m), No dividend (same).

GREENFIELD MILLETTS in Turnover is considerably ahead in the first five months of the present financial year", said Mr. Richard Greenfield, chairman, at the annual meeting. "We are tooking for another record year o make it the twelfth record year a succession."

Delta Metal's offer of new ord of 25p each of Delta in exchange or the cancellation of the whole it is bustanding 7.5 per cent

onvertible unsecured loan stock 984-894s now unconditional. RIPLEVEST

Revenue (after tax) for year to ebruary 28 up from £849,000 to 43,000. Total gross payment used from 5.44p to 6.05p. RAKE AND SCULL ... trading is continuing at a most satisfactory level and at the board is confident this die maintained for remainder

EWBOLD & BURTON Newbold and Burton Holdings' ading and prospects "favour-le". Mr V. F. Burton, chair-

Hill Samuel & Co. Limited announce that with effect from today, Friday, April 1, 1977, their Base Rate for lending will be reduced from 104 per cent to 94 per cent per annum.

Interest payable under the Bank's Demand Deposit Scheme on sums of £500 up to £100,000 will be at the rate of 6½ per cent per annum. Interest rates for larger amounts will be quoted on application.

Hill Samuel & Co. Limited

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'Rights' and Newcomer East Sussex powers Aurora but borrowings burgeon

By Nicholas Hirst

A 53 per cent increase in
Sheffield engineering group,
Aurora Holdings annualized
profits to £2.1m in the year
ended December 31 looks good.
But £640,000 of it came from
an advance to a maiden, pinefrom £508,000 to a figure around £21m. This pushed net financial gearing to 97 per cent of capital employed.

A planned sale of assets will release nearly film later this year when Whillan should contribute about £25000 to a figure around £2500 to a figure and around £2500 to a figure about £2500 to a figure around £21m. This pushed net about £2500 to a figure abo an advance to a maiden, nine-month contribution from the recently acquired foundry equipment group, East Sussex Engineering, Sales grew by 54 per cent to £23.8m.

There was no contribution ribute about £250,000 to pro-fits. And 1978 is expected to be the major growth year for East Sussex, from a large contract

in Poland.

Best performers last year were machine tool merchanting and the manufacture of process

The gross payment rises by the maximum from 3.96p to

Despite rising wood prices pressing on margins, Sirdar, the Yorkshire-based hand-knitting yarns group, pushed forward its pre-tax profits from £504,000 to £507,000 in the half year to January 14. The dividend rises

January 14. The dividend rises from 16p to 1.77p gross.

With the current phase of plant replacement almost complete the board, under Mrs Jean Tyrrell, expects profits for the full year to exceed the record £942,000 of 1975-76.

Turnover went up in both value and volume.

Appleyard over

£1m and rising

British Leyland distributor

Appleyard Group pushed up

pre-tax profits by 38 per cent to £1.37m last year—the first time it has exceeded £1m. This is

better than it looks. The group accelerated in the second six

months and the current year started well with profits rising 27 per cent in the first two

The record 1976 profits were

chiefly due to a return to profits in commercial vehicles and a 25

per cent rise in profits to £978,000 in cars. Turnover rose

Earnings a share were 11.6p

Following the CompAir take-

over proposal—later called off

Desoutter Brothers, the engineering group, is hoisting its 1976 dividend from 12.06p to

15.38p gross. Pre-tax profits were well over the forecast

made at the time of CompAir's

Turnover went up from £10.2m to £13.4m. Earnings a share were 27.38p, against

approach, and were 46 per cent Royal Worcester

against 7.97p and the dividend is 6.77p gross against 6.16p.

16 per cent to £77.3m.

Desoutter excels

up at a record £2.5m.

"at least" as good.

B. Matthews soars

Sindar sights peak

few years.
Capital investment will double to £1.4m next year but with stocks accounting for around two-thirds of the bal-

around two-mires of the bal-ance sheet total, there is a pot-entially large requirement for working capital.

Profits are given both on an annualized basis and for the full 18 month accounting period There was no contribution from the precision casting company, G. L. Whillan, acquired and industrial plant. But instance of process and the manufacture of

group more than doubled its

pre-tax profits in the year to January 2 to a record £2.47m.

Sales went up from £8.5m to £15m. Earnings a share were 28.98p against 11.8p and the dividend rises from 11.55p gross to 12.69 per cent.

Luxembourg key

turns on P Lane

Percy Lane, the aluminium

window manufacturer, almost trebled profits in 1976 despite

continuing problems in the home market. After a 41 per

In the meantime, Percy Lane, vehicle and caravan supplier in

Austin Reed tops £2m

Menswear retailers and manu-facturers, Austin Reed Group, topped £2m for first time. On

for year to January 31, pre-tax profits increased from £1.09m

to f2.01m. Earnings a share of 9.2p against 6.5p and total dividend raised from 3.69p gross

Pre-tax profit up from £4.35m to £4.61m in the year to January

29 are reported by Combine

English Stores Group. Sales climbed from £51.4m to £54.5m.

Earnings a share rose from 11.88p to 12.37p and the dividend from 4.06p gross to 4.67p. Cash balances on January 29 amounted to more than £5.5m.

Although it did not match the record 52.25m profit of 1974, Royal Worcester hoisted

pre-tax profits from £1.2m to £2m last year.

takes in fine china, earthen-ware and industrial ceramics,

Sales of the group,

Combined English

des up from £26.1m to £31.3m

Prospering APV full of work

Good growth helped by cur- the year's results would be rency gains continues at similar to 1979's. Crawley-based APV Holdings, which last year took over Hall-Thermotank for shares and loan stock. In 1976, turnover climbed from £98.1m to £137.4m, and pre-tax profits rose from £9.19m to a record £12.6m. The gross payment goes up by the maximum, from 14.29p to 15.73p. Earnings a share were 48.5p. Pre-tax profits included £182,000 of trading profits of Hall for the period APV has owned it, less interest on the loan stock issued in part consideration.

sideration for the purchase. Orders at the beginning of 1977 of the enlarged group reached about £130m and the order intake for the first two months of this year was over £40m. The board expects invoiced sales for this year to

exceed £200m. APV is in the development, manufacture and sale of special-ized processing and heat-trans-

Down and then up at R Clay

A jump in the second half of ast year meant that Richard (bookprinting and bind-Clay (bookprining and binding) did better than ever before.

Turnover climbed from £6.59m to £7.43m and propelled pre-tax profits from £1.01m to £1.14m. Pre-tax profits in the first helf year went down from £601,000 to £384,000.

But the board reported an improvement in the second half, and said that, if this continued,

Has maintained progress at the start of the current year to Sep-tember, 1977, says Mr Peter Smith,

CEMENT-ROADSTONE "We sim at a pattern of steady advancement", says Mr Michael Dargan, chairman of Cement-Roadstone Holdings, Ireland's biggest industrial company, in sunua

OSBORN'S EXPORTS

A marked upturn in export sales reported by Samuel Osborn, the international engineering group. Export sales for the 20 weeks to February 20 over 50 per

cent higher than same period a SELUKWE-KADUNA

Selukwe Gold Mining & Finance is to bid for Kaduna Syndicate. Terms are for every seven Kaduna, five Selukwe ordinary and five units of participation. Units will not carry interest and will not be listed. Irrevocable undertaking received for 38.25 per cent of Kaduna.

REXMORE—ROSENTHAL REAMORE—ROSENTHAL
Contracts exchanged for acquisition of J. Rosenthal & Sons from
March 1. Price will be equivalent
to net tangible assets at that date.
At December 31 these amounted
to £1.26m. Of this £825,000 was
balances at bank.

On sales increased from £16.7m to £24m for 1976, pre-tax profit £1.77m against £1.11m. Earnings a share rose from 13.6p to 21p. To:al payment raised from adjusted 8.32p gross to 9.5p.

JAMES DICKIE Turnover for year to October 31 down from £3.15m to £2.79m, but pre-tax profits up from £380,000 to £403,000. Gross payment rises from 5.53p to 5.94p.

BROWN AND JACKSON
Turnover for 1976 up from
£8.55m to £10.4m and profits (after
tax) up from £256,000 to £313,000.
Total gross payment cut from
6.33p to 3.38p.

MERGERS CLEARED Following proposed mergers not to be referred to Monopolites Com-nission: EMI-Development Securi-ties: English China Clays-Boddy

INT COMBUSTION Pre-tax profit of International Combustion (Holdings) for 1976 up-from £906,000 to £1.78m. Total gross payment raised from 1p to 1.1p.

More streamlining of Anglo A unlikely

By Christopher Wilkins There is little likelihood of further rationalization of the Anglo American Corporation of the Anglo American Corporation empire once its bid for Rand Selection is complete, Mr Harry Oppenheimer, chairman of Anglo, indicated in London yesterday.

Dispelling suggestions that the Rand Selection takeover was a prelude to further rationali-zation, Mr Oppenheimer said he did not want the group's main

the group to become bigger still, Mr Oppenheimer pointed to the huge scale of investment required by the Anglo empire in the near future.

Between now and 1981, spending of close to \$1,000m is planned in gold and further projects are being considered. A further \$300m is committed in coal over the next two years to lift output from 23m to 37m

The steel programme will cost \$100m. New paper plant is cost-ing \$50m, and the opening of a new manganese mine will cost another \$50m.

cent rise in sales, pre-tax profits climbed to £926,000 to which the Luxembourg supplier of caravan window frames contributed £770,000. These funds would have to come from the profits and bor-rowings of the companies concerned, but he emphasized that the relationship between the companies and the centre of the group required that Anglo itself Britain, is recovering.

The shares were unchanged at 45p (showing a 50 per cent should be larger and stronger than at the moment.

rise since January), but under the Treasury's dividend re-covery rules, the gross total climbs from the 1973 base to a total of 4.37p per share where the yield is almost 10 per cent. Belgian dislike of Westinghouse deal

Mr Fernand Herman, the Bel-gian Economic Affairs Minister, has said that Westinghouse Elec-tric Corporation's decision to sell nearly 20 per cent of its stake in Ateliers de Construc-tions Electriques de Charleroi SA (ACEC) contradicts previous promises it made.

Mr Herman named the Belgian purchaser who bought the ACEC shares as the private Belgian Bank, Banque Degroof. The sale reduced Westinghouse's stake in ACEC to 47.9 per cent from 67.7 per cent.

International

Westinghouse wanted to cut its interest to below 50 per cent before April 1. Informed industry sources said this means Westinghouse no longer has to consolidate ACEC losses in its accounts.—Reuter.

Case stake in

did not want the group's main affiliates to become subsidiaries because of the psychologically dampening effect or initiative.

As a result of the Rand Selection deal Anglo will control between 40 and 50 per cent of most of its associates, although the stake in Charter Consolidated will be slightly less at 36 per cent.

Justifying the desirability for the group to become bigger still, 534.4m), including 195m francs £34.4m), including 195m france for the new shares, because part of the operation will comprise a sharp reduction of Poclain's liabilities.

At the request of the govern car groups, plus certain banks and institutional investors will take stakes in Poclain, subject to approval by their respective boards.

The new shareholders and the Baraille family, founders of Poc-lain, will together hold at least 34 per cent of the capital. Industry sources pointed out that this will give the new shareholders and the Batailles min-ority blocking rights, since their combined holding will be greater than the 33.3 per cent required for a minority blocking stake in French firms,-

Commerzbank

Commerzbank AG net profits rose 9.4 per cent to DM159.3m in 1976 despite a 14.4 per cent decline in operating earnings, the company said in Frankfurt.

Total assets of the parent bank rose 9.2 per cent to DM42,090m, Meanwhile, domestic group assets increased to DM63,275m in 1976, up 12 per cent.

Fiat pays more

Fiat has announced a 150 lire (10p) dividend from net profits of 66.5m lire (£43.5m). Last year's dividend was 100 lire

(6p).
The group said that it had set aside 20,000m lire out of profits to create a special fund from 67.7 per cent.

to buy, after asking shareMr Herman realized that due holders' approval, its own shares
to United States legislation, on the stock exchange.

FMC makes and pays more in Borthwick rebuff

FMC has rejected the condi- 1977 FMC anticipates pre-tax tional approach from fellow profits rising from £918,000 to meat trader Thomas Borthwick. more than 53m on an 18 per It disagrees with the commercent sales gain to £460m. Treascial benefits claimed by Borthwick and the NFU Development Trust, with just under 48 per cent of FMC, has announced its intention the offer.

To back this up, FMC is B. Matthews soars

rose from £19.1m to £26.7m. forecasting significantly higher profits for the current year rise seen for the current year, against 12p and the dividend and a big increase in dividend. the Bernard Matthews turkey goes up from 8p to 8.8p gross. For the year to April 30,

ury permission has been obtained to more than double the dividend to 91 per cent a share

FMC's forecast is based on various assumptions including no alteration exchange rates, unchanged interest rates and no untoward production plant breakdown or industrial

Preliminary Statement for 1976

	1976 £000	1975 £000
Turnover including Share of Sales of	243,914	214 878
Associated Companies	240,314	214,016
Analysis of Profit Group Profit before interest including	•	
Share of Profits of Associated Companies		•
United Kingdom	9 500	7 60 š
Principal Products	·· 8,623	7,324 228
Associated Companies	3,074	1,233
	12,570	8,785
Overseas		٠.
North, Central and South America	2,998	4,604
Africa	3,991 3; 1,321	4,183 2,561
Asia, Australasia and the Pacific	829	337
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	9,139	11,685
Group Profit before Interest	21,709	20,470
Interest Payable	3,426	3,458
Profit before Taxation	18,283	17,012
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Profit and Loss Account	15.209	13,896
Group Trading Profit	3,426	3,458
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A. A. L. L. Britania	11,783	10,438
Share of Profits of Associated Companies	6,500	6,574
Profit before Taxation	18,283	17,012
Taxation	8,883	7,700
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Net Loss of Subsidiaries attributable to	9,400	9,312
Outside Shareholders (1975-Profit)	99	(370)
Profit after Taxation attributable to		
Bridon Limited	9,499	8,942
Dividends—Ordinary Shares	-	
Interim of 2-1p pershare (1975 1-9p pershare) Second Interim of	1,069	940
3-95p per share (1975 3-6p per share)	2,012	1,782
	3,081	2,722
Preference and Preferred Ordinary Dividends	12	12
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Retained as Revenue Reserves	3,093	2,734
by the Group and Associated Companies	6,406	6,208
	9,499	8,942
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	18:63p	18-82p
Earnings pershare—Basic ————————————————————————————————————	17·80p	17-49p

considerable variations in 1976. Substantial exports contributed materially to United Kingdom profits. North American and European results were disappointing.

A slow but general recovery in demand for Group products is expected and this should benefit the Group.

The Board therefore recommend the maximum dividend on the Ordinary Shares permitted under the Counter-Inflation Programme at the current rate of Advance Corporation Tax - 3-95 pence per share. This will be payable on 27th May 1977 as a second interim dividend so that consideration may be given to the payment of a further dividend should the rate of Advance Corporation Tax be changed.

BRIDON worldwide in wire, wire rope, fibre cordage and related plastics and engineering products. essential for developing energy and other natural transportation and distribution industries.

Cadbury Schweppes

Preliminary announcement by Mr. Adrian Cadbury, Chairman

For the 52 weeks ended 1 January 1977	1976	1975
•	£m	£m
Group sales	787.0	667.0
Group trading profit	54.9	48.4
Investment income	2.8	1.7
•	57.7	50.1
Interest payable	12,2	11.7
Group profit	45,5	38.4
Share of associated companies' profits		
less losses	0.9	0.2
Group profit before taxation	46.4	38.6
Taxation	25.7	20.1
	20.7	18.5
Profit attributable to minority interests	1.8	0.6
	18.9	17.9
Extraordinary items	3.5	2.6
Profit attributable to Cadbury Schweppes Limited	15.4	15.3
DIVIDENDS	:	
Preference Stock	0.1	0.1
Interim on Ordinary Stock of 0.65625p per unit (1975 0.65625p)	2.4	2.4
Final on Ordinary Stock of 2.06675p per unit		
proposed (19751.81925p)	7.6	6.7
	10.1	9.2
Profit retained	5.3	6.1
Earnings per ordinary stock unit of 25p	5.12p	5.18p

Subject to approval by the Company at the Annual General Meeting the final dividend will be paid on 1 July 1977 to holders of Ordinary Stock registered at the close of business on 27 May 1977.

- * Sales at £787m were 18% higher than those for 1975.
- * Pre-tax profits rose by over 20% to £46.4m, showing a real increase over the previous year.
- * The Board is recommending a final dividend of 2.06675p per unit which, together with the interim, makes the maximum permitted for the year.
- * UK export sales were up nearly 32% and profits on franchise operations were also well up.
- * Nearly £28m was invested in 1976 and outstanding commitments amounted at the year end to £28.5m.
- * Our substantially increased investment programme is wholly dependent on achieving an adequate return, requiring that price controls are realistic and Government industrial policies consistent.

31 March 1977

The Report and Accounts, containing the Chairman's Statement and a more detailed analysis of the year's trading, will be posted to Stockholders on 19 April 1977.

Cadbury Schweppes Limited, 1/10 Connaught Place, London W2 2EX

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MARKET REPORTS

New shake-out in coffee, cocoa

In a further shake-out both coffee and cocoa prices dropped in the London markets yesterday. In morning trading coffee terminal chosed with losses of between £175 and £144. At the afternoon close May was at £3,810 and July was at £3,853.

and July was at 23,855.

Terminal cocoa closed the morning with losses of between E8S and £34.50. There was an exceptional decline of £212.50 in the spot March position which was due to close-out. At the afternoon close May was at £2,237 and July was at £2,181.

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Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank .. 91% Consolded Credits 91% First London Secs 111% C. Hoare & Co .. *9% Lloyds Bank 91% Midland Bank .. 910 Nat Westminster 91% Rossminster Acc's 112% Shenley Trust .. 14% Williams & Glyn's 91% 2 7-day doposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 5%, up to £25,000, 6%, over £25,000, 6%,



Points from the Chairman's Statement

I am pleased to be able to report an improvement in the pre-tax profit of your Company for the year ended 30th September 1976 so £196,411 compared with £141,309 last year.

On slightly increased turnover net profit margins have improved, earnings per share have increased from 3.4p to 4.83p. Net current asset position reflects this improvement. Your Directors recommend a final dividend of 0.5p per share. This together with the interim dividend of 0.35p makes a total of 0.95p per share for the year (1975—0.88p).

Final contracts for the manufac-ture of Invalid Cars have been obtained from the Department of Health for production during the period to March 1978. Quantities ordered are lower rhan previous years. It is anticipated that much of the gap left in our production expectly will be filled by the work content of our new mid-engined sports car. Commencement of production on the new car has been the subject of further unavoidable delays, primarily related to the exacting requirements of the Department of Environment National Type Approval.

The next two or three years are going to be difficult. Major changes in our work content are necessary and we are currently endeavouring to obtain a blend of general engineering work to complement our car production. The Company faces a most chal-lenging furure. Much will depend on general economic factors and the success of the Government's measures to curb

Commodities

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Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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Foreign Exchange

Sterling closed above 51.72 against the dollar for the second time this year as the market stayed optimistic about Britain's post budget prospects. Demand for the pound was again steady and widespread, although turnover was well below Wednesday's level. Trading stayed within a very narrow band of \$1.7195-1.7205 against the dollar.

The Bank of England stepped in to keep the rate steady and is estimated to have bought substantial amounts of foreign currency.

Sterling closed against the dollar at \$1.7201, 6 points down on the day. The effective exchange rate was unchanged at 61.8. The Bank of Eugland's 1 per cent cut in minimum lending rate, to 9.5 per cent, did not deter buyers of sterling.

The dollar was slightly firmer in Europe, and continued in strong demand in New York after the close of the European markets.

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Discount market

Credit conditions were tight in Lombard Street yesterday and the Bank of England was required to give extremely large assistance, all in the form of fending. A moderate portion of the loans was for seven days and carried a signal that the Bank expects to see money rates consolidate around current levels for a while.

The authorities also lent a very large sum overzight for purely technical reasons. All the lending was at the new MLR of 91 per cent and four or five houses participated.

Houses took a little money initially at around 9½ per cent, but were soon paying up to 10½ per cent. After the announcement of a 1 per cent cut in MLR, rates were adjusted down to 9½ per cent and some houses were finding money as low as 8 per cent towards the close. Most final balances were taken at 8½ or 8½ per cent.

Money Market

Rates

The Wall Street and Canadian stock prices given in the table relate to Wednesday's close. Later publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in United States.

Wall Street

New York, March 31.—Prices closed mostly lower on the New York Stock Exchange, failing in an attempt to rebound from Wednesday's steep losses. industrial

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.08 points to 919.13, with declining issues outnumbering gainers 755 to 590.

Volume totalled 16,510,000 shares compared with 18,810,000 on Wednesday.

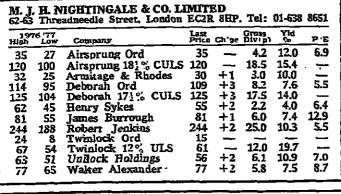
The industrial average struggled to a gain of almost three points at its high for the session, but failed to attract general market

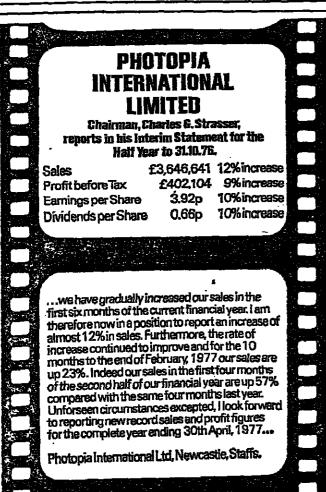


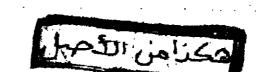
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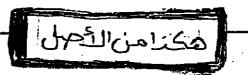
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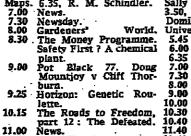
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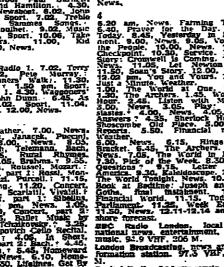


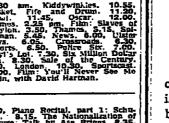


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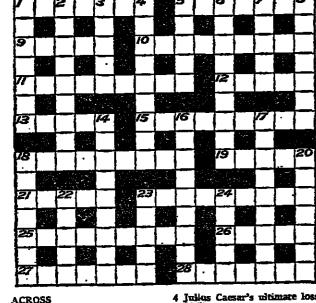
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5 Stone dead, his foes (7).
9 Does It, say, intimidate yachting visitors? (5).
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(4-5). Leads in The Rivals can be 12 Over a pint needed to get engineer tiddly (5) engineer tiddly (5).

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15 A girl's in love, madly, with new creations [9].

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21 Capital is in order in toymaking (5).

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23 I came unstuck in voting that's controversial (9).

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